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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000258</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Ref: log # 113</i> <i>Cleared 10/17/06, letter</i> <i>attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>9-27-06</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Joe Griffin, M. D.
513 South Dargan Street
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RE: Homer Ridgeway

Dear Joe:

I would like to introduce Homer Ridgeway, who is a quadriplegic and has an uninhibited neurogenic bladder. Over the course of years, he has had penile retraction and probably a little growth in his abdominal fat. It is impossible for him to use an external collection device. At this point in time, we had Cindy Norris, enterostomal therapist down at Carolinas Hospital System, to evaluate him. They could not really get anything to stay on. I had planned to do a penile prosthesis to extend the length of the penis. We recently had the Chairman of the Urology Department at Boston University School come to our journal club and speak. He recommended that we not do a penile prosthesis but instead do an abdominoplasty in the suprapubic area to remove the subcutaneous fat and a Heineke-Mikulicz type plasty on the bottom side of the penis to reduce the amount of scrotal skin that is on the ventral surface. This procedure would eliminate the possible complications of infection and erosion of the penile prosthesis.

I would be very grateful if you would evaluate this patient along those lines and see if you feel that the Heineke-Mikulicz type plasty versus a double-Z plasty would be better on the ventral surface of the penis. I would very much like to scrub with you on this procedure just to see how it is done and perhaps offer some free advice worth about what you pay for it.

Thank you in advance for seeing this nice man for me.

Most sincerely,

L. Thomas Barnett, M. D.

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cc: Susan B. Bolin, Deputy Director
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October 17, 2006

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Dear Dr. Barnett:

Thank you for your letter discussing an alternative treatment for your patient Mr. Homer Ridgeway. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) Medical Director, Dr. Marion Burton, has reviewed your letter and agrees that the abdominoplasty and Heineke-Milkulicz type plasty may be the appropriate approach to address Mr. Ridgeway's medical condition.

The SCDHHS Medicaid policy requires prior approval for both of these procedures. If the decision is made to move forward with this surgical option, please send all necessary documents for review and approval to:

The Carolina Center for Medical Excellence
Attention: SC Medicaid Prior Approval Review
246 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 200
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

For more information on the prior approval policy, please refer to the *Physicians Laboratories and Other Medical Professionals Provider Manual*, Section 2, and pages 195-201.

Again, thank you for your inquiry and your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Team Leader in the Division of Physician Services, at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
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Deputy Director

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