

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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From: Bryan Kost
To: Brenda James
Date: 10/8/2007 12:35 pm
Subject: Fwd: please log - FOIA request

Please log this, my friend. Goes to Deirdra,

Bryan Kost
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kostbr@scdhs.gov

>>> "Adams, Frank" <adams@aging.sc.gov> 10/8/2007 10:22 AM >>>
Bryan, would you please see that this is logged in as an FOIA request.

thanks

Frank Adams
Deputy Director, Public Information
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Department of Health & Human Services
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October 4, 2007

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Director Forkner:

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You are urged to expedite this request because as a state agency with more than \$5 billion in annual expenditures, the costs to our taxpayers of your agency is second only to education in our state.

Costs should be waived as the information requested is associated with the legislative mandate to review complaints and issues stemming from the implementation of HHS of a contract for brokerage management of non-emergency Medicaid transportation. As such, the information should be provided freely.

Sincerely,

Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
Director
Lt. Governor's Office on Aging



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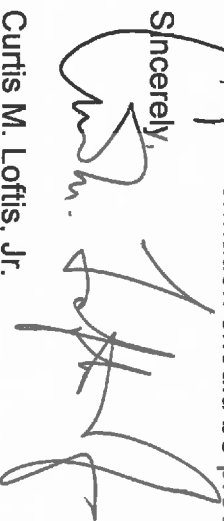
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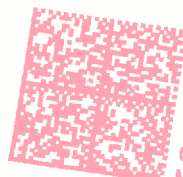
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Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.

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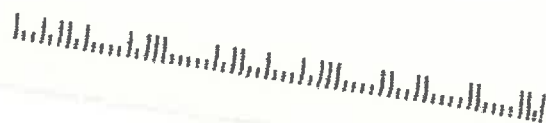
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October 23, 2007

Mr. Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
Director
Lt. Governor's Office on Aging
1301 Gervais Street, Suite 200
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Loftis:

Per your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act regarding Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation, please find enclosed the following:

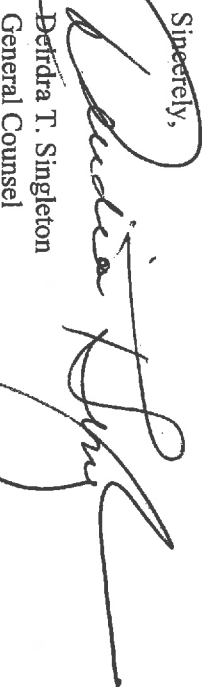
- Minutes of regional advisory committee meetings
- Agendas from meetings between the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Transportation Brokers
- Minutes and meeting packets of the Medical Care Advisory Committee within the past six months (April 17 and September 18)
- Minutes of Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Advisory Committee

You requested minutes of the monthly meetings between DHHS and the Medicaid non-emergency transportation brokers. DHHS does not record minutes of these meetings; however, I have included the agendas from these meetings for your information.

Additionally, please send all future requests for information to the attention of Jeff Stensland, our Public Information Officer.

If I can be of further assistance regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Stensland at 898-2500 or me at (803) 898-2795.

Sincerely,


Deirdra T. Singleton
General Counsel

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Enclosures