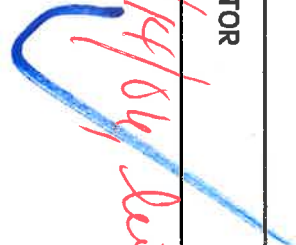


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RE: Kesha C. Fendley
Medicaid ID # 0280508786
DOB: 11/22/1983

Dear Ms. Burton:

Kesha Fendley suffers from Stage IV Neuroblastoma. This tumor has extensive involvement in her body, including her bones. She has required aggressive chemotherapy. She has had to have surgery for replacement of a venous access device. For that reason, obviously, she would exceed the allotted number of Medicaid visits which, of course, are determined by people who do not have an illness of this magnitude.

We feel that she should be allowed at least two to three more visits per month. Standard of care requires that she be seen at this frequency and level.

Sincerely,



Cary E. Stroud, MD

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July 14, 2006

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Re: Keshia C. Fendley

Dear Dr. Stroud:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support four (4) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Although DHHS cannot support thirty (30) per year, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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