

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

<b>TO</b> <i>Bawling</i>	<b>DATE</b> <i>12/18/06</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER  <i>000412</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>Claudia 1/10/07, letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-2-07</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

<b>APPROVALS</b> <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>* DISAPPROVE</b> <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	<b>COMMENT</b>
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**MCLEOD FAMILY MEDICAL/MARION COUNTY**

J.S. Garner, Jr, M.D.      J.S. Garner, IV, M.D.      John N. Odom, M.D.      Robert C. Pyle, M.D.      Linda Jones, FNP

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Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Robert M. Kerr  
P. O. Box 8206  
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Re: Ms. Patricia Williams  
P. O. Box 188  
Mullins, S.C. 29574  
SSN: 249-13-5134

Dear Mr. Kerr,

Six years ago, Ms. Williams was suffering from severe pulmonary hypertension, coronary artery disease and congestive heart failure. Multiple cardiologists had determined that there was nothing left to offer Ms. Williams and that she would not live very long. Finally in 2001 Dr. Evans Holland (cardiologist in Florence) referred her to Dr. Victor Tapson at Duke University Medical Center. At that time, Dr. Tapson was using Flolan infusions in therapeutic trials and Ms. Williams responded extremely well. She has been followed and treated by Dr. Tapson and his team for over 5 years and is exceeding all expectations. I do not feel that it would be wise to try to change her caregivers and do not know of anyone in South Carolina providing a similar service. Even if someone in South Carolina is doing so, this complicated patient should not be forced to change doctors at this point.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Garner, IV, MD



State of South Carolina  
Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 412

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Robert M. Kerr  
Director

January 10, 2007

James S. Garner, IV, MD  
McLeod Family Medical/Marion County  
3032 East Highway 76  
Mullins, South Carolina 29574

Dear Dr. Garner:

Thank you for your letter requesting approval of Medicaid coverage for Ms. Patricia Williams to receive services at Duke University Medical Center. South Carolina Medicaid policy does allow for the reimbursement of out-of-state services for eligible beneficiaries in the following situations:

- Emergency medical service for beneficiaries traveling outside the state whose health would be endangered if necessary care were postponed until their return to South Carolina
- When it is certified that covered medically necessary services are not available within the state and the attending physician properly refers the beneficiary to an out-of-state provider who is willing to enroll with the South Carolina Medicaid program and accept Medicaid reimbursement as payment in full

Further information regarding the authorization process for out-of-state services can be found in the Medicaid Provider Manual available electronically at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).

It is my understanding that Mr. William Feagin, Team Leader in the Division of Physician Services, contacted you on December 20, 2006 concerning the authorization process. He also faxed a copy of the out-of-state referral form along with the manual pages outlining the policy. After reviewing your request, we are authorizing the out-of-state referral pending the date of service information. Once the appointment is scheduled, we will send a copy of the authorization letter to both Duke University Medical Group and to your office.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. William Feagin at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,

*Susan B. Bowling*  
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Deputy Director

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