

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO	DATE
<i>Jankins</i>	<i>2-18-10</i>

<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER <b>1011344</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <b>cc: Kost</b> <b>closed 2/26/10, letter attached.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <b>3-1-10</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
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# State of South Carolina House of Representatives

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Please Deliver at once to:

Name Brian Kost

Office HHS

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No. (803) 255-8235

This is page 1 of a 2 page transmission.

Call \_\_\_\_\_ at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge receipt of this Fax.

Comments Thank you Bryan - please advise as to any possible options or solutions for the constituent.

Sent by Louise Sprng / Rep Thad Meigs

For return Fax, dial (803) 734-2925



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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED  
NOT ACKNOWLEDGED

<APP>CUSTOM  
 <PREFIX>Mrs.</PREFIX>  
 <FIRST>Donita</FIRST>  
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 <LAST>songer</LAST>  
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 <EMAIL>donitasonger@aol.com</EMAIL>  
 <ISSUE>OTHER</ISSUE>  
 <MSG>I am a 48 year old caregiver my husband had his first stroke in 1998 and just recently had his 2nd stroke nov 20 2009. he needs to be with someone 24 hours a day at this time there is no help that i can find for caregivers who can not work to help support the family .. as a caregiver i can not get welfare unemployment or food stamps i can not get health care medical... if i paid a nurse to come in and help i would be paying out more than i would make so it doesn't make sense to go that route because i would be getting into a deeper hole than i am already in i am not sure how to bring this to anyone's attention to get help for people like myself i know i am not alone please send me in the right direction so that i may be able to help myself and others thank you for your time sincerely Donita Songer</MSG>  
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February 26, 2010

Ms. Donita Songer  
240 Stonebridge Drive  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29588

Dear Ms. Songer:

SC Representative Thad Viers contacted our agency on behalf of your husband, Michael Songer, regarding Medicaid eligibility and his healthcare needs.

Our Horry County Office is processing Mr. Songer's application for Medicaid's *Home and Community Based Services* (HCBS) waiver program. His eligibility worker, Sheri Satterfield, has been in touch with Wachovia Bank to obtain the financial documentation needed to determine his financial eligibility.

Staff in our Community Long Term Care Office (CLTC) must also perform a level of care assessment to determine if he is medically eligible for the HCBS program. This assessment will be completed once he reaches the top of the waiting list. If your husband is found eligible based on his medical condition, income and resources, he must then meet the federal requirement of a 30 consecutive day waiting period. This waiting period refers to the time an individual must reside in a medical facility or receive home and community based services before receiving Medicaid coverage. If you have any questions regarding the waiting period or the medical level of care assessment, please call staff in the CLTC office that serves Horry County at (843) 248-7249.

In the meantime, we have enclosed information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare and daily living needs. We hope this information is helpful.

We will continue to monitor the progress of your husband's application closely. If you have additional questions regarding the Medicaid program, please contact Denise Epps in Constituent Services at (803) 898-2505.

Sincerely,



Alicia Jacobs  
Deputy Director

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Enclosures



*State of South Carolina*  
*Department of Health and Human Services*

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Emma Forkner  
Director

February 26, 2010

The Honorable Thad Viers  
SC House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 11867  
327-B Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Viers:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Michael Songer regarding Medicaid eligibility and his healthcare needs.

We have been in direct contact with Donita Songer, his wife and medical affairs representative, regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program. She was given contact information for agency staff in case she has additional questions regarding Medicaid. We also provided Ms. Songer with information on other helpful programs and organizations that can assist residents in our state with their healthcare and daily living needs.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner  
Director

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