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| 1. LOG NUMBER 100555 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____ |
| 2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Copy: Graham Cleared 4/14/09, letter attached.</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>4/13/09</i> |
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UNITED STATES SENATE Fax Transmittal Sheet

TO: Emma Forkner

FROM: Sara Snell

DATE: 4-2-09

COMMENTS: Please see the attached regarding Willie Mae Washington.
Thank you!

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UNITED STATES SENATE

April 2, 2009

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

RE: Willie Mae Washington
907 Waterree Blvd
Camden, SC 29020
(803) 424-1397
SSN: 155-50-3630

Dear Ms. Forkner:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to the individual.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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Dear Sir:

February 27, 2009,

My name is Willie Washington, and I am asking for your help in securing medical assistance and treatment for my daughter, Willie Mae Washington. Kershaw County Home Health Care told me that she was now on long-term health care, but I have been unable to get any help or treatment for her.

Willie Mae Washington

Address: 907 Wateree Blvd

Date of Birth: 12-02-53

Camden SC 29020

SSN: 155 50 3630

Phone: (803) 424-1397

CURRENT CONDITION: Willie Mae Washington is 55 years old and totally disabled due to a stroke she suffered last year. She is paralyzed in her left arm, left leg, cannot stand or walk, and has trouble talking due to a stroke. She is unable to get up and I am unable to lift her. She has a wheelchair but is unable to move around without assistance. I am a 76-year old widower who lives alone and am having to take care of my daughter by myself. I desperately need help but am unable to get further assistance.

MEDICAL HISTORY: My daughter was a healthy woman until she suffered a stroke last year. She was in and out of Carolina Pines Hospital due to a stroke. They released her as she had no health insurance or income, so I took her in my home because she had no where else to go. She is still paralyzed in her left arm, left leg, cannot stand or walk.

PRIOR MEDICAL TREATMENT: Kershaw County Home Health Care in Camden, South Carolina (803) 425-1182 provided medical service to Willie Mae for the first six weeks following her discharge from Carolina Pines Hospital. This really helped me care for Willie Mae. They weekly sent out a nurse, a therapist, a social worker, and someone to give her a bath. However, they told me that after the six weeks was over, that they would no longer care for her. They said Willie Mae would now be under long term care.

CURRENT DILEMMA: I was told by Kershaw County Home Health Care in Camden that Willie Mae would now receive treatment under long term care, but I have heard nothing from them or anyone else. I have called repeatedly and been transferred to different offices, but I have been unable to receive any assistance or answers. I do not know what is going on. I have received absolutely no assistance of any kind for my daughter for over a month now. All benefits have been cut off. That is why I am writing this letter to you, begging you to help us.

I must feed her, bathe her, change her, pick her up, and care for her, but I am unable to manage due to my age and poor health. Willie Mae is in desperate need of speech therapy and therapy in order to utilize her left arm and leg, to stand and to walk. She is totally dependent upon me for everything. She wants so bad to be able to walk again. I called DSS, who said they would send me forms to apply for food stamps, but I have received nothing from them in the mail.

Willie Washington

WHAT I NEED TO CARE FOR WILLIE MAE: I'm asking for your help in getting Willie Mae the long term medical care started so I can get some assistance/sitter to come take care of her daily needs, such as nursing, medical, eating, bathing and toileting. The bills for Willie Mae's prescriptions, diapers, bed pads, and medical bills are piling up.

I am very thankful for the disability Social Security and Medicaid that Willie Mae now receives, however, it is not adequate to cover her expenses and assist in caring for her and providing therapy. I would appreciate any help you could give us in the following services for Willie Mae:

- Start the long-term care for Willie Mae,
- Food stamp application from DSS,
- Speech therapy,
- Therapy for her paralyzed left arm and leg, standing and walking,
- Ramp to get her from the steps of the house to the carport,
- Sitter to stay with her while I run occasional errands,
- Someone to give her a bath and change her,
- Bed pads, diapers, toiletry items, etc., and
- Rehabilitation, preferably a rehabilitation center.

I have no relatives that can take Willie Mae and care for her in their home. I am all that she has. Her siblings live in other states. I am a 76 year old widower who lives alone in a small home. I would dearly appreciate any help you could provide

Sincerely,

Willie Washington

Willie Washington
907 Waterree Blvd
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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

April 14, 2009

Ms. Willie Washington
907 Wateree Boulevard
Camden, SC 29020

Dear Ms. Washington:

Senator Lindsey Graham has referred your recent letter to our agency. I have been in contact with our Sumter Community Long Term office and been informed that one of our nurses, Ms. Beth Lesesne, recently visited your home to conduct an assessment on your daughter. The purpose of this assessment was to determine if your daughter is eligible to receive services to help you keep her at home.

Unfortunately we do have a waiting list for our program. Your daughter has been placed on the waiting list and we hope to be able to provide services in a few months.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Beth Lesesne or Ms. Julie Williams at 803-905-1980.

Sincerely,


Felicity Myers, Ph.D.
Deputy Director

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