

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Mells</i>	DATE <i>10-4-06</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000293</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaveland 6/22/07, see e-mail response attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10-13-06</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

	<b>APPROVALS</b> (Only when prepared for director's signature)	<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>* DISAPPROVE</b> (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	<b>COMMENT</b>
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*Georgetown Healthcare & Rehab, Inc.*

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Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

September 27, 2006

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Department of Health & Human Services  
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Mr. Robert Kerr, Director  
S. C. Dept. of Health & Human Services  
P. O. Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: Medicaid patient days

Dear Mr. Kerr:

On June 02, 2006, I submitted to you a request for 28,500 medicaid days. Your reply was received dated September 11, 2006, giving us only 22,465. A decrease of 6035 which equals to 16 residents. Georgetown Healthcare has a large population of tube feeding residents as well as non-eligible residents for Medicare A. Once the tube feeding residents use a benefit period under Medicare they are not eligible to acquire their 100 days again. For fiscal year of 2004-2005, we had approximately 24 residents who were tube fed, this was an average of 28% who met this criteria.

Medicaid Only residents who no not have Medicare A at all, are ineligible to ever use Medicare A days. These residents are discussed with the Social Security Administration to see if they may have benefits at a later date and applied for when possible. Some of these residents are tube feeders which we have to provide total formula and supplies. Currently we have 12 Medicaid only residents, approximately 14%.

These factors affect our Medicaid days. Not having benefits increases our coverage in Medicaid days. Hospitals are continuously trying to get them out of their cost centers. I'm sure you are aware some facilities will not take these residents due to the fact they do not and will never have Medicare benefits available to them.

Today, with 12 medicaid and 14 tube feeders, (30% of residents) we request an increase to cover these recipients.

If more detailed information is needed to substantiate these percentages please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Sheila W. Raby*  
Sheila W. Raby  
Administrator

Cc: Jeff Saxon

**From:** Jeff Saxon  
**To:** Elizabeth Hutto  
**Date:** 6/22/2007 4:07:28 PM  
**Subject:** Log Letter # 0293 - Georgetown Healthcare

*Log 0293*



Ms. Hutto:

I have tried a few times to catch the administrator, Sheila Raby, to discuss again her issue relating to the need for additional Medicaid Permit Days but have had no luck. However, prior to the subject log letter being sent by her, Ms. Raby was advised by me that any requests for additional days should be directed to the SCDHEC. She informed me that she had contacted the SCDHEC but was informed that no additional Medicaid Permit days were available. I suggested that she approach the request for additional beds with the nursing home association but was informed that the facility's owner was not allowed to join the SCHCA.

I will follow up with the SCDHEC soon to check on the status of the SFY 2008 Medicaid Permit Days distribution and have SCDHEC give them a call if any Medicaid Permit days are freed up by other providers in Georgetown county.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jeff