

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Myers / Giese</i>	DATE <i>10-23-07</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>606217</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>10-30-07</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR			
cc: Deps, Ms. For Kner Cleared 10/30/07, see note @ bottom			

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1. Beverly Hamilton	10/29/07	10/30	Issue was resolved when Select/TPMC resolved contract issues; therefore, was informed by EForster that no further correspondence was necessary. log can be closed.
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Director Forkner,

Our pediatric practice in Orangeburg has worked with Select Health for many years in a successful effort to increase access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries. This ten year relationship has shown positive results for the children enrolled and for our practice as well. We are writing today to request your assistance with assuring continuity of care for the First Choice members who are patients in our practice, and Medicaid patients who desire to become patients at our office.

The recent termination of the Select Health contract by the Regional Medical Center (RMC) does not necessarily affect our patients as we often refer non-emergent hospital care to the Children's Hospital at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital. This facility remains in the network. In addition, we refer our children to the pediatric sub-specialists in Columbia who are affiliated with University Specialty Clinics and in private practice. Many of our patients have long established relationships with these sub-specialists as Select Health is contracted with these providers as well. Furthermore, it is my understanding that at least one of the two managed care contracts accepted by RMC is neither accepted by Palmetto Richland nor by the sub-specialists.

RMC is required by law to provide emergency services to all presenting patients, regardless of payer source. We believe this arrangement covers emergencies for our patients and Select Health is obligated to pay RMC as a non-participating hospital according to the existing Medicaid fee schedule.

While we believe it is in the best interest of our patients that RMC reconsider their termination, we are asking your agency to allow Select Health to continue the relationship with our practice for children enrolled and those who wish to enroll in Select Health's First Choice health plan with the knowledge that RMC is not part of the referral network.

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