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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>10/3/13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000128</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Lynch</i> <i>* Cleared 10/2/13, see</i> <i>attached e-mail response.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10/3/13</i>
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Jennifer Lynch

To: sarah.beaulieu@mail.house.gov
Subject: Johnnie R. Smith Medicaid

Hi Sarah,

I just wanted to notify you that our Member Relations Manager spoke with Ms. Smith regarding Medicaid assistance for her husband. She mailed her an application and other resource information. She also discussed the Federal Insurance Marketplace (if he is not found Medicaid eligible).

Thanks,

Jenny Lynch,
Director of Legislative Affairs
SC Health and Human Services
Office: (803) 898-3965
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Ms. Jennifer Lynch
Constituent Services
SC Dept. of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Re: Mr. Johnnie R. Smith, Sr., 603 Water Oak Drive, Windsor, SC 29856
SSN: 497-84-2487

Dear Ms. Lynch,

I am writing to you on behalf of a constituent who has contacted me regarding an issue involving needing Medicaid assistance. According to Mr. Smith's wife, Mrs. Karen Smith, he was verbally approved for disability and now seeks assistance through Medicaid in order to pay for the tremendous health costs related to his heart condition. A copy of the correspondence is enclosed for your convenience.

Your kind assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please respond to Sarah Beaulieu at the Aiken District Office at Post Office Box 104, Aiken, South Carolina 29802. The phone number is 803-642-6416. The fax number is 803-642-6418. The e-mail address is Sarah.Beaulieu@mail.house.gov.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input. If I may ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON

Second District of South Carolina

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Consent for Release of Personal Records by Executive Agencies

To Whom It May Concern:

I have sought assistance from the Office of Congressman Joe Wilson on a matter that may require the release of information maintained by your agency, and which may be prohibited from dissemination under the Privacy Act of 1974. I hereby authorize you to release all relevant portions of my records or to discuss information involved in this case with Congressman Wilson or any authorized member of his staff until the matter is resolved.

Name of Agency:

Disability / Medicaid

Johnnie R. Smith, Sr.

Name (please print)

8-28-1964

Date of Birth

603 Water Oak Dr

Address

Windsor

City

29856

Zip

497-84-2487

Social Security Number

rik64@aol.com/karensmith

E-mail Address

1225@yahoo.com

803-641-9847

Telephone Number - Home

803-292-0905

Telephone Number - Cell

Johnnie R. Smith, Sr.

Signature

9/27/2013

Today's Date

Please briefly explain your concern (use the back if necessary):

Concern is that

Johnnie's medical condition is critical. His heart's ejection fraction rate is 15%. He has no medical insurance * he is in and out of the hospital

Congressman Joe Wilson (SC-02)

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because of heart attacks, congestive heart failure, and constant heart pains. He suffers from Sudden Cardiac Death. The amount of medication he is on is great. Some of his medicines run \$300-\$400 per month without insurance. His medication will never decrease only increase as he gets sicker. Without medicare we will not be able to afford for him to see his cardiologist and pay for his medication. We appreciate any help your office can give us. Medicare app. was turned into Aiken office today.

Log Email

Inbound E-Mail

RECEIVED ON 9/20/2013 - karensmith1225@yahoo.com

Mrs. Karen Smith

Bill Taylor/disability

This week I have been in contact with Bill Taylor and he said I would need to speak to your office and he has been in contact with the Aiken office and they are suppose to contact me on Monday. My husband has been verbally told today that he has been approved for disability. I had contact Mr Taylor requesting help in getting his disability approved so God is amazing answering prayers. Our problem now is we went ahead and contacted Medicaid to try to get that process going because all we had heard was as soon as he goes his disability apply for Medicaid and they will give him coverage. Well they won't because we don't fall into the income guidelines. My part time income alone disqualifies us. I contacted the insurance company that the Medicaid office referred us to and we were told that no insurance company will touch him because of his condition until January 1 when the Obama care health plan kicks in. My husband has serious heart disease and is on numerous medications and without coverage we are unable to pay for his medicines and doctor visits. What are middle class tax paying citizens suppose to do? Our system fails those that really need it. We are very lost in what we are suppose to do. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Thank you and God Bless

Beaulieu, Sarah

From: Bill Taylor [bill@taylorscheuse.com]
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 4:19 PM
To: 'Karen Smith'
Subject: RE: Johnnie Smith Disability

Mrs. Smith:

Sorry, but I'm not a lawyer, so I can't provide legal advice about the pay-back to the insurance company. I wouldn't want to steer you in the wrong direction. One thought – if that long-term disability was provided through your husband's employer, it might be best to ask them.

As for the other information you provided, that's GOOD NEWS from the Social Security folks. I'm passing along this latest information to Congressman Wilson's staff so they can follow-up with you Monday. Hopefully, they will be able to cut through the confusion. Expect to hear from Sarah Beaulieu.

Bless you,



Telephone: 803-270-2012
Email: BillTaylor@SCHouse.com

BILL TAYLOR
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DISTRICT 06 - Aiken County

410 West Building
Columbia, SC 29211

P.O. Box 2046
Aiken, SC 29802

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Smith [mailto:karensmith1225@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 1:19 PM
To: bill@taylorscheuse.com
Subject: Johnnie Smith Disability

Dear Mr Taylor,

Thank you so much for talking with me yesterday regarding my husband receiving disability. When he checked the mail yesterday he received a letter from Assurant, his long term disability insurance carrier. In the letter they enclosed a form for us to sign stating that when my husband is granted his disability that we agree to reimburse them all the money they have paid back to the date that disability back pays him to. Are we legally responsible to pay them back? Long term disability is an insurance he pays for. We are not signing anything until we find out what our legal responsibility is.

My husband went to the social security office today and they said they didn't know. But they did say he had fallen through the cracks and has been approved and that money was deposited into our account today, but according to our bank it hasn't. He received an email in June saying his claim was being processed for disability but hasn't received an email or mail since. So we really are lost now. We were hoping to be able to pay off some of these medical expenses with any back pay but if we have to pay back Assurant then that will not be able to happen. We are going to go ahead and apply for Medicaid for him. We are lost and confused.

God Bless,

Karen Smith
603 Water Oak Dr
Windsor, SC.
292-8480

Beaulieu, Sarah

From: Bill Taylor [bill@taylorschouse.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 7:32 PM
To: Felder, Ted; Beaulieu, Sarah
Subject: Karen Smith - Constituent Issue

Ted & Sarah:

I spoke with this mutual constituent today. She clearly needs assistance. I told her that Sarah would likely call her next Monday when she returns. Hope that's OK.

Rep. Bill Taylor
S.C. House District 86
Aiken County

Tel: 803-270-2012
www.TaylorSCHouse.com

From: Karen Smith [<mailto:karensmith1225@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 11:50 AM
To: bill@taylorschouse.com
Subject: Need help please

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I am writing you looking for help. Years ago Strom Thurmond was of great help to my family getting my sister disability. Now today we are fighting to get my husband, Johnnie Richard Smith Sr, disability. It has been applied for. Last October we found out the he had had several heart attacks and that the damage to his heart is extensive. The bottom of his heart has calcified and his ejection fraction rate is less than 20%. From October till March he had to wear a Life Vest, which is an external defibrillator, because he is at great risk of Sudden Cardiac Death. In January he had a double by-pass surgery, but they had intended for it to be a triple by-pass but because of all the damage they were only able to do a double. In March he had a pacemaker/defibrillator implanted. He began cardiac rehab and then in June he had another heart attack and had to start all over again. His energy level is extremely low because of the lack of blood flow to his heart. His doctor issued him handicap plates and told him that he would not be able to return to work. Emotionally and physiologically this has been extremely difficult for him. He is on anti depressants and anti anxiety medication. At the moment he is on long term disability through his employment but each day we live in fear that when they find out he is unable to return to work that they will release him and at that time he will no longer have any insurance which will be devastating to us. I am a Ministry Assistant at First Baptist Church Montmorenci and do not have insurance through the church. Because of how sick my husband is, I am only able to work part time. I have to carry him to his doctor appointments. The medication that he is on is a lot and will be on it the rest of his life and since his heart attacks his memory doesn't work as well as it use to. I have to be present at his appointments because he forgets to tell them things and doesn't remember what they tell him. My husband is 49 years old and he feels his world has fallen apart. I hate that we didn't meet you at church on Sunday but we attend the early service and this past Sunday he was too ill to attend. If you can be of any assistance in helping us with his disability we would be so grateful. Our world changed last year, but because of our faith in God, our church family and our families we make it through each day.

God Bless,

Karen Smith
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