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Dr. Marion Burton, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Medicaid
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Dr. Burton,

Wanda Eryta is a patient of mine who has run out of her allotted number of Medicaid visits. Her Medicaid number is 1698631901 and DOB is 11-27-1952

The following are her medical diagnoses:

- Diabetes Mellitus, Type 11
- GBRD
- Duodenal Ulcers/GI bleed
- Hypertension
- Hyperlipidemia
- Diverticulitis
- Bipolar
- Mild Mental Retardation

We saw her on the following dates, none of which have been covered under Medicaid. Wanda does not work so she is not able to pay.

- August 16, 2005 forinea corporis and urea oruris
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- January 27th 2006 for her diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and uncontrolled hypertension
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- June 28th 2006 for a severe urinary tract infection with leukocytes and hematuria. We also covered her uncontrolled hypertension and diabetes at the same time.

None of the visits I have listed were covered under her Medicaid because she had already exhausted all of her visits for the year. She has mental

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retardation and bipolar disease for which she is being treated at Aiken Barnwell Mental Health. I believe her mental capacity and deficient thought processing contributed to the excessive use of Medicaid visits for the year. The visits I have listed were important and we have not received compensation for these. She has a large balance with us and we ask her to pay a dollar or two dollars at a time, but she does not work and will never be able to take care of the bills that are mounting. Her caseworker, Mary Cornuhne told me that she had tried to get more visits for Wanda but did not succeed. I do not know with whom she corresponded.

I know this sounds unrealistic but Merelyn Baril, FNP and I opened our medical practice a year ago with the goal to help people. We do see patients who do not have much money. Our goal is not to make millions of dollars, but to make enough money to pay our bills. If you can help us and Wanda by including the listed visits, we would be most appreciative. We will not take Wanda to collections or refuse to see her if you deny our request for help with these visits. However your help would put us in a situation where we are more financially able to help Wanda and others who have medical needs and few resources.

Thank you for your consideration of Wanda's health needs and our financial needs as well.

Cordially,



Mark A. Roberts, MD and

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Today's Date: 7-1-06

To: Cashby 803-255-3435

From: Dr. Mark Roberts

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From: "Cathy Darby" <CDARBY@gw.mp.sc.edu>
To: <Keller@dohs.state.sc.us>
Date: 6/30/2006 4:46:16 PM
Subject: Re: Letter from Dr Roberts requesting additional visits

Marga,
The letter will be redone with only Dr Roberts' signature and faxed to me. See below Dr Burton authorized 7 visits. I will be out until Thursday and will fax the letter to you then. They don't seem to be in a big hurry.
Cathy

>>> Marion Burton 6/29/2006 12:45:56 PM >>>
cd, the letter needs to be from dr roberts alone. it will reject if it appears the nse practitioner wrote it. can you delete the nse practitioner's name before forwarding it to marga or ask them to send another letter from dr roberts alone, signed by dr roberts.
thanks. however you correct this, then send it to marga with authorization for 7 visits.

>>> Cathy Darby 06/29/06 9:52 AM >>>
Dr Burton,
Kelly form Aiken Center for Family Health faxed a signed letter from Dr Roberts requesting additional visits. The letter is as follows:
"June 28, 2006

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Cordially,

Mark A. Roberts, MD and

Marolyn Baril, MN, FNP

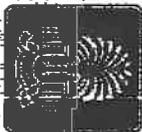
The letter is signed by Dr Roberts

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CC: "Pat Harmon" <PHARMON@gw.mp.sc.edu>



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Cathy Darby _____ AT PHONE NO. 803-255-3400

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COMMENTS Marga, this is the letter I e-mailed you about Cathy

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July 14, 2006

Mark A. Roberts, MD
Aiken Center for Family Health
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Re: Wanda Erwin

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support six (6) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "O. Marion Burton".

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

OMB/bk



Mark A. Roberts, MD
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bc: Melanie Giese
Val Williams



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FAX COVER SHEET

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DATE: 8/23/06

TO: Dr. Mark Roberts

Telephone #:

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FROM:

Brenda James

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COMMENTS:

Per your request. Re: Wlonda Erwin

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