

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Bowling</i>	DATE <i>2-5-07</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000510</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Singleton cleared 2/20/07 attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>2-14-07</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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Almastine Butler
Post Office Box 111
Saluda, SC 29138

January 31, 2007

Mr. Robert M. Kerr
Director of South Carolina Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

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cc: Sampson

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Kerr:

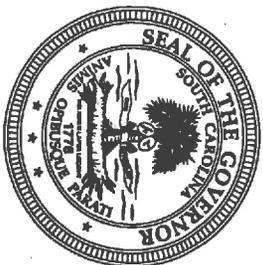
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I would for someone to take a serious look at this situation and give me some feedback on what can be done and can't be done. I know all things are possible if you believe in God. We only want to be treated fairly and at this point we have been taken for granted. I know without volunteer like myself and others that some persons would not receive the medical attention that they need. I know that we agree that we are long overdue.

I can be reached at (864) 445-3287. Thank you in advance for making a change.

Sincerely,
Almastine Butler
Almastine Butler, Volunteer Medicaid Transportation Provider

CC: Governor Mark Sanford



State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR

Post Office Box 12267
COLUMBIA 29211

February 8, 2007

Almastine Butler
Post Office Box 111
Saluda, South Carolina 29138

Dear Almastine,

Thank you for your letter. I am so sorry to hear of the difficulties Saluda County volunteers have been experiencing and am asking that someone from the Department of Health and Human Services contact you. You should be hearing from that office soon. In the meantime, thanks again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,


Mark Sanford

MS/jl

cc: Mr. Robert Kerr, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

February 20, 2007

Robert M. Kerr
Director

Ms. Almastine Butler
Post Office Box 111
Saluda, South Carolina 29138

Dear Ms. Butler:

Thank you for your letter dated January 31, 2007, regarding the reimbursement rate for Non-Emergency Transportation (NET).

The NET program is in the process of transition to a NET Broker. It will be the responsibility of the Broker to establish the resources for providing transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries and for reimbursement to providers within their system. Therefore, there are no plans to increase provider reimbursement rates for non-emergency transportation during this transition period.

We appreciate your service and support to South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries. If you have any other questions you may contact Ms. Shirley W. Carrington at (803) 898-2655.

Sincerely,

Shelida F. Mills

Sheila L. Mills, MPH
Bureau Chief

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