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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Giese</i> <i>Closed 2/5/13, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-31-13</i>
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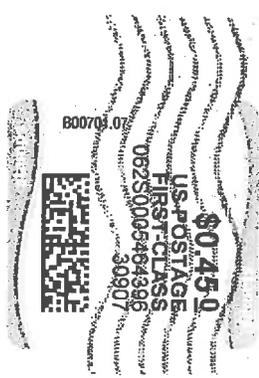
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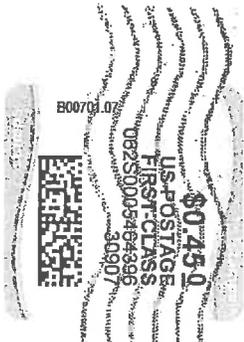
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RE: Cost savings for pediatric emergency

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Rec'd attached would be happy to assist in getting a rate if we determine this is something we need & want to contract for.
Ruth*

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February 5, 2013

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Dear Dr. Getts:

Thank you for the letter regarding negotiating a contractual case rate between Kids Prompt Care and the South Carolina Medicaid program, including our Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). We are happy to be of assistance.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) currently covers the type of facility that you described which is based on a published fee schedule. Provider manuals and fee schedules are posted at www.scdhhs.gov. Your facility is located within the South Carolina Medicaid Service area, therefore a provider enrollment application is needed to enroll your facility. Please refer to <http://provider.scdhhs.gov>.

To pursue contracted rates with the MCOs that represent SCDHHS, you will need to contact and negotiate with each organization directly. I have provided the contact information for your convenience below:

Absolute Total Care Inc.
Paul Accardi, President
Operations
paccardi@centene.com

Blue Choice Health Plan of SC
Scott Graves, Senior Director of Medicaid
Scott.Graves@BlueChoiceSC.com

First Choice by Select Health
Cindy Helling,
Vice president and Chief Operating Officer
cindy.helling@selecthealthofsc.com

United HealthCare Community Plan
Dan Gallagher, President
Dan.Gallagher@uhc.com

Thank you for bringing your concern to our attention. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Provider Service Center at 1-888-289-0709.

Sincerely,

Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN
Deputy Director

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