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TO: SCDDSN Division of Appeals & Hearings.
RE: Respite Care - Judy L. FERGUSON.

I'm writing to you requesting financial consideration for respite care provided by my wife, Mary Ann FERGUSON for time not provided by SCDDSN.

Our daughter, Judy Lynn FERGUSON was born on September 12, 1962, breech birth with the cord around her neck. She is mentally and physically challenged and receives 24/7 care. (Bathing, feeding, changing, etc.) She is non-verbal and cannot stand or walk on her own.

We moved to South Carolina in 1980 (Anderson County) and then to (Oconee County) in 2000. Although Judy is entitled to respite care, she has only received a total of 8 months and that was in 2013 when I had colon cancer surgery.

I am now 77 years old and my wife is 73. "Together" we are able to handle Judy's needs but it does take two people. According to SCDDSN, 2 respite workers cannot be provided at the same time (DOUBLE DIPPING).

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Judy needs 3 hours of respite help daily, seven days a week from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and at least one hour at approximate 2:30 PM, 6:30 PM. and at 10:00 PM for personal care and getting her into bed. SCDDSN has found a respite worker to assist from 9:30-1230, 5 days weekly starting sometime in September.

If Judy's other hours can't be covered I feel Mary Ann should be compensated until and when respite care is provided. We want to keep Judy at home for as long as possible because of the care we can provide. Since the overall cost of living has risen for Judy (food, clothing, personal items etc) compensation assistance will be helpful.

Therefore we are requesting 80-100 hours per month of respite financial assistance for the evening and weekend hours until someone is provided. Your consideration on this matter is appreciated.

This request in no way questions the support Judy has received from the case workers at SCDDSN & Oconee County. We understand qualified respite care workers are hard to find.

Thanks Paul Renz