

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Giese</i>	DATE <i>10-12-12</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100-106</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>10-19-12</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Heck, Singleton, Kost Lynch Clear 10/25/12, letter attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Sincerely,

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From: Patty Blum <pablum0734@gmail.com>
Date: October 3, 2012, 1:34:24 PM EDT
To: Alan Clemmons <clemmons1@aol.com>
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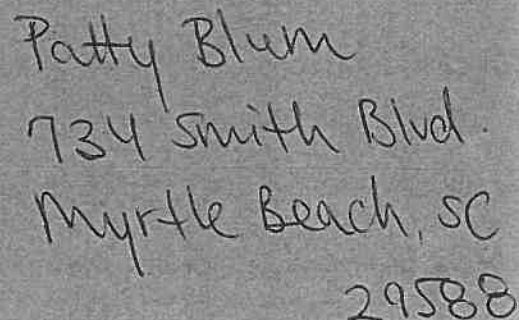
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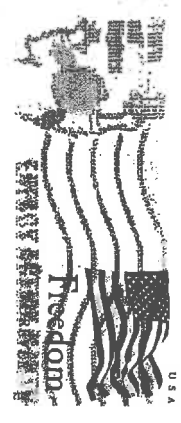


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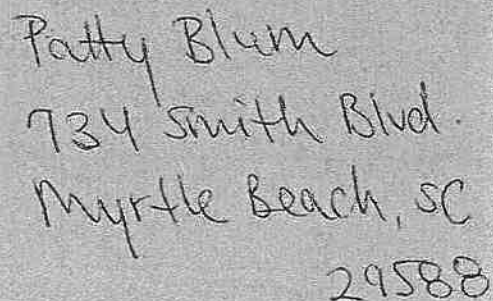
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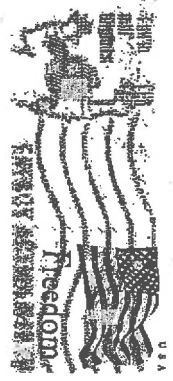


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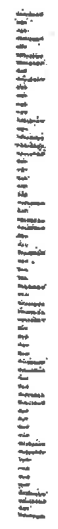


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October 25, 2012

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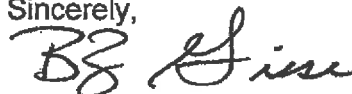
Dear Ms. Blum:

Representative Clemmons forwarded your correspondence to us here at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). Our agency oversees the South Carolina Medicaid Program. The issues stated in your email are all Medicare issues and are controlled by the federal government and not the State of South Carolina.

Medicare's Open Enrollment period is October 15, 2012 through December 7, 2012. All individuals with Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2013. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov for plan information.

I am sorry that the solution to your concerns is not within the scope of SCDHHS.

Sincerely,



Melanie "Bz" Giese, RN
Deputy Director

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October 25, 2012

The Honorable Alan D. Clemmons
South Carolina House of Representatives – District No. 107
1800-A North Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

Dear Representative Clemmons:

Thank you for your letter regarding your constituent, Ms. Patty Blum, and her request for an explanation of the variable cost of Medicare Part D plans for Horry County residents as well as the requirement that she participate in a Medicare Part D plan. These are all Medicare issues and are subject to federal requirements.

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I appreciate your concern for this constituent, and trust you will find this information helpful. Thank you for your continued support of our Medicaid program and the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,



Anthony E. Keck
Director

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