

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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Hyers</i>	DATE <i>12-29-08</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOC NUMBER <i>.100339</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Extend until 1/12/09, per attached e-mail.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-12-09</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
1. <i>Cleared 1/20/09, letter attached.</i>			
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House of Representatives

State of South Carolina

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

J. Roland Smith

District No. 84 - Aiken County
183 Edgar Street
Warrenville, SC 29851

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Special Schools Subcommittee, Chairman

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Ways and Means Revenue Policy

School Bus Specification Committee

December 22, 2008

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Re: Kylla Tutt, SSN 257-53-9697.

Dear Ms. Forkner:

This morning I received a call from Ms. Beverly O'Bannon of 272 CC Camp Road, Beech Island, SC 29842, tel. (803) 442-3090, concerning her daughter Kylla Tutt.

Kylla has been experiencing severe problems with her stomach and her physician determined that she needed a pacemaker in her stomach to control these problems. She has been treated by the Medical College in Augusta, Georgia, and the South Carolina Medicaid system is refusing to pay for the surgery. If you would be so kind as to look into this matter for me and the concerned parties, it would be most appreciated.

If further information is needed to determine the outcome, please feel free to contact Ms. O'Bannon directly. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Roland Smith
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JRS/sse/Dec22-08-1

cc: Ms. Kylla Tutt, 272 CC Camp Road, Beech Island, SC 29842

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From: Annmarie McCanne
To: Felicity Myers
Date: 1/6/2009 2:17 PM
Subject: Extension on Log 339

CC: Brenda James; Margarete Keller
We just received this log in our Bureau yesterday. Is it possible to get an extension with a new Due date of 1/12/09? The original due date is 1/08/09. Please advise.

Thanks,
Annie

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From: Felicity Myers
To: Annmarie McCanne
Date: 1/6/2009 2:51 pm
Subject: Re: Extension on Log 339

CC: Brenda James

sorry!

yes- can it be done by 1/13?

>>> Annmarie McCanne 1/6/2009 2:49 PM >>>

It is from J. Roland Smith (House of Representatives) regarding Medicaid refusing to pay for surgery. Beneficiary is in need of a pacemaker in her stomach. She is on First Choice as of 5/01/08. This log was given back to Nancy Rabert yesterday from Hospitals since the patient is Managed Care.

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>>> Felicity Myers 1/6/2009 2:25 PM >>>
What is subject matter? who is it from?

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Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 339

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

January 20, 2009

The Honorable J. Roland Smith
South Carolina House of Representatives
519-B Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Smith:

I am writing in response to your letter of December 22, 2008, regarding a Medical procedure performed for Kyilia Tutt that has been determined not eligible for coverage or reimbursement by South Carolina Medicaid.

It is my understanding that, prior to the performance of this procedure, Mr. Jeff Bryson, Program Manager in the Department of Managed Care, received a call from Ms. Beverly O'Bannon, Kyilia Tutt's mother. Ms. O'Bannon reported that Ms. Tutt's Medicaid Managed Care Plan (First Choice by Select Health) had informed the proposed service provider that this procedure would not be covered by the Managed Care Plan due to the experimental nature. It is also our understanding that the provider instructed Ms. O'Bannon to contact this Agency directly to ask if South Carolina Medicaid would pay for the procedure in the absence of coverage by First Choice. Mr. Bryson contacted Ms. Julie Bateman, of First Choice, to verify the information reported to Ms. O'Bannon about non-coverage of the proposed procedure and to obtain more information and detail about the procedure and related appliance. It was verified that the procedure to be performed was experimental; therefore, First Choice had made the correct determination regarding coverage/payment. We informed Ms. O'Bannon that South Carolina Medicaid would not cover the procedure for the same reasons. This information was provided to Ms. O'Bannon prior to performance of the procedure. It is also our understanding that the Managed Care Plan had offered other covered options for treatment of Ms. Tutt's condition.

We are unable to reverse the determination regarding coverage and payment of this procedure. Ms. O'Bannon may seek reconsideration of the payment denial by filing an appeal on behalf of Ms. Tutt with First Choice. If the denial is upheld by the Plan, further redress may be sought by requesting a State Fair Hearing through this Agency.

Please let me know if we may be of further service with regards to this issue.

Sincerely,


Felicity Myers
Deputy Director

FM/hhc

cc: Ms. Kyilia Tutt, 272 CC Camp Rd., Beech Island, SC 29842