

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

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TO <i>Singleton</i>	DATE <i>8-27-14</i>
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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Ketch</i> <i>See attached, cleared</i> <i>9/29/14</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>9-8-14</i>	
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TO: Anthony Keck -
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July 24, 2014

Member ID: 6630156337

PIN: eXwPXNyBk2



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KIMBERLY STILLINGER
120 BUTLER HILL LN
LEXINGTON, SC 29073-8438

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Dear KIMBERLY:

Department of Health & Human Services
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You have asked to change health plans for the following members of your household:

Member	Member ID
KIMBERLY STILLINGER	6630156337

Because the deadline for changing plans has passed, you will need to show a good reason for making a change now. To do this, fill out the enclosed Health Plan Change Form.

How to fill out the Health Plan Change Form

- **Step 1:** Call your health plan and tell them why you want to change plans. Your health plan's phone number is listed on your health plan ID card (if you received one) or you can look it up online at www.SCchoices.com.
 - Make sure you get the name of the person you talk to and write it in the box under Step 1 of the Health Plan Change Form.
 - Also write down the date and time you called. It's important that you do this, because it gives your health plan a
- **Step 2:** Fill out the rest of the Health Plan Change Form. Carefully read and fill out the boxes according to what you want to do.
- **Step 3:** Sign your name and mail the form back to us in the return envelope. Or fax the form to 1-877-552-4672.

If you have questions

We're here to help you. If you have questions about filling out the Health Plan Change Form, call our Customer Service Center at 1-877-552-4642. We can help you in the language you speak.

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IMPORTANT ACTIONS

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08/26/2014 5:09PM (GMT-04:00)

Member Information

Member name: **KIMBERLY STILLINGER**

Health plan name: **First Choice by Select Health of South Carolina**

Birth date: **8-12-67**

Member #: **6630156337**

Step 1: Call your health plan to discuss your problem.
You can find your health plan's phone number on your health plan ID card (if you received one). Or visit www.SCchoices.com to look up the number online.

When you call, be sure to write down the name of the person you speak to and the date and time of your call in the box to the right.

Person you spoke to: **Don't Remember**

Date of your call: **6/27/2014**

Time of your call: **Don't Remember**

Step 2: Fill out the boxes according to what you want to do.

- If you want to change your health plan, fill out boxes A and B. Skip box C.
- If you want to leave your health plan, skip boxes A and B and fill out box C.

Change Your Health Plan

A Please tell us why you want to change your health plan by checking the box that most closely explains your reason.

☐ You moved out of your health plan's service area. The health plan you have now is not offered in the county you moved to.

☐ What county did you live in? _____

☐ What county do you live in now? _____

☐ You received poor medical care. You or a family member received medical treatment that you believe was of poor quality. You need to provide documentation of the poor medical care. If you need help, call 1-877-552-4642.

☐ Your health plan doesn't cover services for moral or religious reasons (for example, birth control). Please describe the situation: _____

☐ You couldn't get a service that is covered by your health plan. Your health plan doesn't provide a service you need in your area (for example, x-rays or chemotherapy). You need to provide documentation. If you need help, call 1-877-552-4642.

☒ You were denied a health care service. Please list the denied service: **injections for pain and inflammation**

☐ You couldn't find a provider in your area who has experience with your special needs. Please list your special needs: _____

Go to "B"

B Please tell us the name of the health plan you want to change to by checking the right box.

- ☐ Absolute Total Care
- ☐ BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid
- ☐ First Choice by Select Health Plan of South Carolina
- ☐ WellCare
- ☐ Advicare
- ☐ Molina Healthcare of South Carolina

Go to Step 3.

Leave Your Health Plan

C Please tell us why you want to leave your health plan by checking the box that most closely explains why.

- ☐ You are no longer eligible.
- ☐ You moved out of state.
- ☐ You are now an inmate of a public institution (such as DJJ or DOC).
- ☐ You are in foster care.
- ☐ You are in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
- ☐ You joined a waiver program. Please check the box that tells which waiver program you joined and the date you joined: **1/1**
(mm/dd/yyyy)

- ☐ HIV/AIDS waiver
- ☐ Head or spinal cord injury (HSCI) waiver
- ☐ Mechanical ventilator dependent waiver
- ☐ Intellectual disabilities (ID/RD) waiver
- ☐ Pervasive development disorder (PDD) waiver
- ☐ Medically complex children's program

Go to Step 3.

Step 3: Read and sign. Please read the following statement and sign your name.

I acknowledge that all of the information on this form is true. I understand that if I have provided false information, it may result in automatic denial of my request to change or leave my health plan. I have attached the required documentation to support my request. I also truthfully state that I have tried to solve any problems I am having with the health plan and have been unable to do so.

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Signature: **Kimberly Stillinger**

Print name: **Kimberly Stillinger**

Date: **Aug 2014**

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Kim Stillinger

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w7/22/2014

First Choice ID #: 40248900

KIMBERLY STILLINGER
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If you have any questions or need help reading this, please call Member Services toll free at 1.888.276.2020. Ask to speak to our Member Advocate.

Sincerely,

Kevin Vaughan
Director, Member Services

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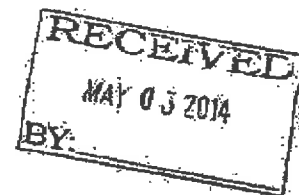
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Healthy Connections

May 1, 2014

Re: Member: Kimberly Stillinger
Member ID: 40248900-01
DOS: 05/12/2014 through 08/10/2014
TOS: Provider's Office Services
Reference Number: 140439890
Requesting Provider: RAJAN CHOPRA

FIRST CHOICE HEALTHCARE PC
1920 2ND LOOP RD
FLORENCE SC 29501-6123



Dear First Choice Healthcare, P.C.:

After carefully reviewing the information provided, a Select Health medical director has determined services provided for Kimberly Stillinger do not meet our criteria for medical necessity.

A Select Health Medical Director has reviewed the request for authorization for a sacroiliac joint epidural injection and has determined it does not meet the criteria for Sacroiliac (SI) Joint Injection and is denied. Based on clinical information available at the time of review, the request is for SI joint injection; the clinical evaluation fails to establish SI disease. There is no documentation of positive provocative testing being done. We require at least three provocative testing to be done. In the absence of these required elements, we are unable to approve the request. Therefore, the request for a sacroiliac joint injection is denied.

Ms. Stillinger has the right to appeal this decision within 90 calendar days. You may appeal on the member's behalf without written consent.

You or the member may file an appeal either orally or in writing. An oral filing must be followed with a written, signed appeal unless an expedited resolution is requested.

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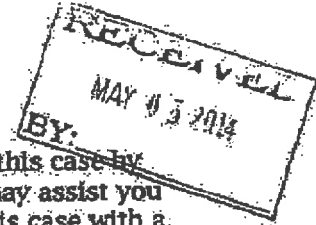
Your patient may call Member Services at 1.888.276.2020 to request that benefits continue pending the appeal. This request must be made within 10 calendar days from the date of denial notification from Select Health. Members may be held responsible for costs of services furnished if the final determination is to uphold the plan's action.

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PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Your patient has been notified of the patient's right to examine at any time the case file, benefit guideline or other criteria on which decision was based. This request must be made in writing and sent to:

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TO: Carla F.

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1-800-575-0419

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Thank you.

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I am not posting my mothers name, as this isn't about just her, its about the problem with nobody caring about ALL Chronic Pain Patients! Its about WHY she didn't get a return call from your office.. why doesn't anyone care about Chronic Pain Patients in general????????? You are our GOVERNOR.. IF YOU CAN'T FIX THIS WHO CAN?????????

***You can reply to myemailtown@yahoo.com ***

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter!

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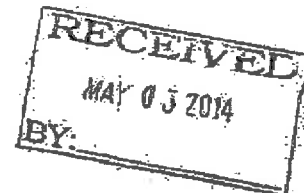
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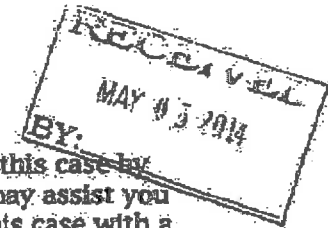
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My mother went into her long time doctors office to find posted on all the walls that they would no longer be accepting Select Health Insurance, which happens to be the very insurance they themselves had just talked my mother into switching to, stating they were easier to work with. It is our understanding they told all patients that weren't already on it to switch. My mom did not have an easy time switching at all, and they had her in tears, as nobody seemed to have the same answer on if she were able to switch, and they were rude to her! She finally was allowed to switch.. and very shortly after, finds out that now, unless she switches to a different plan, she will no longer be able to go to the doctors that she has gone to for several years for her treatments. My mom sat in the office and cried.. as she knew they wouldn't allow her to switch again, and she would no longer have the care she needed. The doctor said that she should fight it, and get switched, so that she could continue care with them, as she is already established with them. My mother called the numbers listed on the posted letter to call.. since it states they will assist patients, but they never called her back! My mother called and reported this to the insurance company, and has called several times to follow up. She had been told they were going to try and re-establish the relationship with the doctor so she could continue care. (which we found wasn't true) Also at this time, she called the Governors Office and told them in detail what happened, and had anticipated a call back.. which did not happen! As well, when she called, she informed them that we had called all other pain mangement doctors, and they will not take her insurance, so she needed help! She called and left a message with News On Your Side.. and they did not call back as well. It appears that nobody cares about chronically ill patients at all! My mother also found out that when she called to make the complaint with the manage care medicaid program, they actually made a grievance against the doctor, when the problem is with them.. and not the doctor! My mothers doctor said that Select Health is denying injections and treatments that

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I am not posting my mothers name, as this isn't about just her, its about the problem with nobody caring about ALL Chronic Pain Patients! Its about WHY she didn't get a return call from your office.. why doesn't anyone care about Chronic Pain Patients in general????????? You are our GOVERNOR.. IF YOU CAN'T FIX THIS WHO CAN?????????

***You can reply to myemailtown@yahoo.com ***

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter!

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July 24, 2014

Member ID: 6630156337

PIN: eXwPXNyBk2



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KIMBERLY STILLINGER
120 BUTLER HILL LN
LEXINGTON, SC 29073-8438

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Dear KIMBERLY:

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

You have asked to change health plans for the following members of your household:

Member	Member ID
KIMBERLY STILLINGER	6630156337

Because the deadline for changing plans has passed, you will need to show a good reason for making a change now. To do this, fill out the enclosed Health Plan Change Form.

How to fill out the Health Plan Change Form

- **Step 1:** Call your health plan and tell them why you want to change plans. Your health plan's phone number is listed on your health plan ID card (if you received one) or you can look it up online at www.SCchoices.com.
 - Make sure you get the name of the person you talk to and write it in the box under Step 1 of the Health Plan Change Form.
 - Also write down the date and time you called. It's important that you do this, because it gives your health plan a
- **Step 2:** Fill out the rest of the Health Plan Change Form. Carefully read and fill out the boxes according to what you want to do.
- **Step 3:** Sign your name and mail the form back to us in the return envelope. Or fax the form to 1-877-552-4672.

If you have questions

We're here to help you. If you have questions about filling out the Health Plan Change Form, call our Customer Service Center at 1-877-552-4642. We can help you in the language you speak.

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IMPORTANT ACTIONS

To change your health plan, fill out the Health Plan Change Form included with this letter. Send it back in the return envelope. Or fax the form to 1-877-552-4672.

NEED HELP?

Go to www.SCchoices.com
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Customer Service Hours
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* Please Help *

Member Information	
Member name: KIMBERLY STILLINGER	Birth date: 8-12-67
Health plan name: First Choice by Select Health of South Carolina	Member #: 6630156337

Step 1: Call your health plan to discuss your problem.

You can find your health plan's phone number on your health plan ID card (if you received one). Or visit www.SCchoices.com to look up the number online.

When you call, be sure to write down the name of the person you speak to and the date and time of your call in the box to the right.

Person you spoke to: Don't Remember

Date of your call: 6/27/2014

Time of your call: Don't Remember

Step 2: Fill out the boxes according to what you want to do.

- If you want to change your health plan, fill out boxes A and B. Skip box C.
- If you want to leave your health plan, skip boxes A and B and fill out box C.

Change Your Health Plan**A** Please tell us why you want to change your health plan by checking the box that most closely explains your reason.

- ☐ You moved out of your health plan's service area. The health plan you have now is not offered in the county you moved to.
- ☒ What county did you live in? _____
- ☐ What county do you live in now? _____
- ☐ You received poor medical care. You or a family member received medical treatment that you believe was of poor quality. You need to provide documentation of the poor medical care. If you need help, call 1-877-552-4642.
- ☐ Your health plan doesn't cover services for moral or religious reasons (for example, birth control). Please describe the situation: _____
- ☐ You couldn't get a service that is covered by your health plan. Your health plan doesn't provide a service you need in your area (for example, x-rays or chemotherapy). You need to provide documentation. If you need help, call 1-877-552-4642.
- ☒ You were denied a health care service. Please list the denied service: medications for pain and inflammation
- ☐ You couldn't find a provider in your area who has experience with your special needs. Please list your special needs: _____

Go to "B"

B Please tell us the name of the health plan you want to change to by checking the right box.

- ☐ Absolute Total Care
- ☐ BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid
- ☐ First Choice by Select Health Plan of South Carolina
- ☐ WellCare
- ☐ Advicare
- ☐ Molina Healthcare of South Carolina

Go to Step 3.

Leave Your Health Plan**C** Please tell us why you want to leave your health plan by checking the box that most closely explains why.

- ☐ You are no longer eligible.
- ☐ You moved out of state.
- ☐ You are now an inmate of a public institution (such as DJJ or DOC).
- ☐ You are in foster care.
- ☐ You are in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
- ☐ You joined a waiver program. Please check the box that tells which waiver program you joined and the date you joined: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ HIV/AIDS waiver
- ☐ Head or spinal cord injury (HSCI) waiver
- ☐ Mechanical ventilator dependent waiver
- ☐ Intellectual disabilities (ID/RD) waiver
- ☐ Pervasive development disorder (PDD) waiver
- ☐ Medically complex children's program

Go to Step 3.

Step 3: Read and sign. Please read the following statement and sign your name.

I acknowledge that all of the information on this form is true. I understand that if I have provided false information, it may result in automatic denial of my request to change or leave my health plan. I have attached the required documentation to support my request. I also truthfully state that I have tried to solve any problems I am having with the health plan and have been unable to do so.

Signature: Kimberly StillingerPrint name: Kimberly StillingerDate: Aug 2014

Cynthia Gore

From: Cynthia Gore
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Courtney Sanders; Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher
Subject: RE: Kimberly Stillinger MID#6630156337

Great! Thanks! I'll use these e-mails as documentation to close out log letter 000053 from Ms. Stillinger.

Cynthia Gore

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From: Courtney Sanders
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 2:37 PM
To: Cynthia Gore; Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher
Subject: FW: Kimberly Stillinger MID#6630156337
Importance: High

Ms. Cynthia,

Please see below regarding the discussed email. Thank you so very much and have the best day!

Courtney Sanders

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From: David Smith
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 12:32 PM
To: Courtney Sanders
Subject: FW: Kimberly Stillinger MID#6630156337

FYI

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From: David Smith
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 11:33 AM
To: Melissa D Glover
Cc: Danisha Glasscho; Stephen Boucher
Subject: FW: Kimberly Stillinger MID#6630156337

Melissa,

Steve Boucher has been in contact with Kimberly Stillinger (Medicaid # 6630156337) and discussed with her the reason she is requesting disenrollment from First Choice. Per instructions from Steve, please disenroll Kimberly Stillinger from First Choice effective 9/30/14 and enroll with Blue Choice effective 10/1/14. Ms. Stillinger has been notified of approving her disenrollment request.

Thank you

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From: David Smith
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 9:09 AM
To: Danisha Glasscho
Subject: RE: Kimberly Stillinger MID#6630156337

Danisha,

This is the 1st I have heard about the issues Ms. Stillinger is experiencing with First Choice. I tried calling her this morning but there was no answer. I left her a voice message to return my call. I have checked notes in PSI and found the Ms. Stillinger did submit a request to HCC to change health plan, but the form was incomplete. Ms. Stillinger did not choose another health plan to change to. Instead, from the written note submitted along with the request, she is requesting FFS Medicaid which is not an option. In the meantime, I will forward this concern to First Choice for further out reach.

Thank you

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From: Danisha Glasscho
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 3:25 PM
To: David Smith
Subject: Kimberly Stillinger MID#6630156337

Good afternoon,

Ms. Stillinger called our office about the status of her disenrollment request. She said that she was referred by HCC because her doctor's office has not been getting paid therefore they are no longer seeing First Choice patients. Ms. Stillinger says that she suffers from a chronic illness and has an appointment in two weeks to get her injections and rx's with Oaktree Medical Center (Dr. Chopra). She received a letter dated 8/28/14 from the office stating that as of 9/30/14 they will no longer be participating with First Choice. She has contacted First Choice about the issue in the past but says she did not get any help with it. She can be reached at 803-414-7566.

Thank you

Danisha Glasscho
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Cynthia Gore

From: Cynthia Gore
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher
Cc: Courtney Sanders
Subject: FW: Log Letter 000053 - Select Health complaint - Stillinger
Attachments: Log letter 000053 - Stillinger complaint (Select Health) - due September 16, 2014.pdf

Hello,

Has anyone called Ms. Stillinger yet? Here is another copy of the log letter that was due to be responded to by September 16th. Also, below is a recent complaint/concern from her.

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From: Cynthia Gore
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Courtney Sanders; Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher
Subject: RE: Log Letter 000053 - Select Health complaint - Stillinger

I spoke with Ms. Stillinger and she is quite upset (in tears). She has an additional complaint regarding something about First Choice, not being eligible for insurance due to non-payment of bills, being approved for an additional 90 days of coverage, but then having that 90 days taken away. She is quite concerned about all of this because she has some very important appointments in less than 2 weeks. I apologized to Ms. Stillinger for not sending a response as of yet and let her know that either (or both) Nathaniel Patterson/Stephen Boucher would call her Monday morning to discuss her concerns.

Please call her first thing Monday morning and let me know immediately afterwards how handled. Her # is 414-7566. Thanks

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From: Courtney Sanders
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 2:43 PM
To: Cynthia Gore; Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher
Cc: Deirdra Singleton
Subject: RE: Log Letter 000053 - Select Health complaint - Stillingier

Good Afternoon Cynthia,

To my knowledge a response was not drafted. Stephen is at a conference today and Nathaniel is out with a family emergency. I apologize for the delay in response. I will speak with both Nate and Stephen on Monday, September 29, 2014, to address this issue and provide you with an expected delivery date. I will be more than happy to reach out to Ms. Stillingier to express our regrets and advise her of an update. Please advise. Thank you so very much and have the best day!

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From: Cynthia Gore
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 2:05 PM
To: Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher
Cc: Deirdra Singleton; Courtney Sanders
Subject: RE: Log Letter 000053 - Select Health complaint - Stillingier

Hello,

What's the status of this log letter? Ms. Stillingier is on the telephone now.

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From: Cynthia Gore

Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 5:15 PM

To: Nathaniel Patterson; Stephen Boucher

Cc: Deirdra Singleton; Courtney Sanders

Subject: Log Letter 000053 - Select Health complaint - Stillinger

Hello,

I wasn't sure if this should go to one or both of you for a response. It's a letter of complaint against Select Health. She also sent a letter to the Governor. The due date is September 16th.

Thanks

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