

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>8-1-11</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>1011062</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 9/27/11, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>8-10-11</i>
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From: The Inmate Population At the Broad River Correctional Institution.

Subject: Food, Medical Care And Cruel And Unusual punishment Inmates receive on A daily basis.

The State of South Carolina operates the Broad River Correctional Facility As A 24 Hour medical Yard For special Needs (H.I.V) Dialysis patients, Diabetic patients And elderly or Handicapped prisoners. Broad River has also had A Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against the Department of Corrections For Discrimination. The Inmates At Broad River Correctional Understand that the Department of Health And Human Services handle cases dealing with Constitutional Violations And we feel this matter is Addressed by the eight (8<sup>th</sup>) Amendment in that we are being punished by inadequate servings And poor quality of the Food. The Food that is sparingly rationed to us lacks the daily 2000 Calories even when All three meals are Combined. Diabetic, Dialysis, And Special Needs (H.I.V) do not receive the Correct Food (diet) As medically required. They should not be given processed white rice And noodles because of the starch And those are being served everyday. We are not being given the Correct Food to Complete our Treatment And improve our general health. This Cruel And Unusual punishment Also includes requiring inmates to pay For medical visits And medication As well As DNA Samples. If you do not have the Funds in your personal Account you will be billed until you receive Funds. Many Inmates Family Struggle to send the inmate Funds For small comforts only to have the state grab

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boxes of Food that Comes in With labels Saying Not For Human Consumption. Rats And Roaches Are Frequently Found in Crates of Food or in the Kitchen. When this is Reported to the Food Supervisors it is Ignored. Food Supervisors have been heard Commenting that What the Inmates don't Know Won't hurt them. Spoiled Food is Frequently Not thrown Away because the State is on a Budget And doesn't have any money. Fresh Fruits are Supposed to be given With meals. The general diet Trays Never have Fruit. When Fresh Fruit does Come in it's Always going to the Staff And Officers. That also includes Any Fresh Pastries. The Inmates never see them. Special Needs (H.I.U.) Diabetic And Dialysis Patients are Supposed to get Fresh Fruit That they Do Not get. Broad River is listed As having 24 Hour medical care. In reality we are Allowed one day a week to sign up for Sick Call unless you have a Life threatening problem you will not be Allowed to go to medical Anytime other than your one day a week Sick Call. Medications are prescribed Without checking for inter-reactions with other Medications already been taken. Test to Determine possible Kidney Functions Possible dosage problems are not performed At Generally Accepted Frequencies. medical personnel are Inadequately trained And many are Unqualified to make the medical decisions they make. Inmates Ask to see A Doctor but are rarely Allowed

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because of Retaliation From the Administration. A Number of Inmates Are slowly Diering of high blood pressure Strokes, heart Attacks And Kidney Failure Cells Are Not Adequatley heated in the Winter. The Same Uniforms Are Worn All year Round. They Are Cold in the Winter And Hot in the Summer. We All pray And Trust that you All Will Investigate these Complains. We do Understand the Difficulty of Checking these things. IF the System Knows you All Are Coming they Will make AN Covertted effort to hide these problems.

We Will Appreciate Any type of help that you All CAN Give to US With this matter.

Thank You for your Cooperation And Attention.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Lee Cook

7/27/2011

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Mr. Keel:

Please Copy this letter send it back  
to me Along with any other type of  
Information you can provide.

Thanks for your Cooperation  
Respectfully Submitted  
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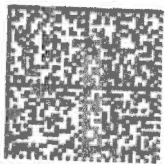
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Anthony E. Keck, Director  
Nikki R. Haley, Governor

September 27, 2011

Richard Lee Cook #142275  
Broad River Correctional Institution  
Marion Dorm, Room 281  
4460 Broad River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding food and medical care at the Broad River Correctional Institution. We appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention. South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services administers the Medicaid program that provides health insurance coverage for low-income and needy residents in South Carolina.

We will forward your letter to the South Carolina Department of Corrections, as well as South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Thank you again for bring our attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Supra'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'J' and a distinct 'S'.

John Supra  
Deputy Director of Eligibility

JS/tc