

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000276</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Heck</i> <i>Closed 2/19/14, see note</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>2-20-14</i>
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ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 2, 2014

Director Anthony Keck
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 100210
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Director Keck: *Tony*

As you are aware, the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit in the Attorney General's Office has had much success over the last several years prosecuting fraud and recovering restitution owed the Medicaid Program run by Health and Human Services. Over the 2012 -2013 fiscal year the unit successfully recovered \$683,444.40 in restitution and saved the state \$690,959.95 through cost avoidance. Thank you again for your continued partnership and grant funding that has allowed this unit to thrive and become a success.

Due to a recent partnership between your agency and the Department of Social Services, Medicaid applicants are now able to enroll in the Medicaid program when they complete an application for food stamp assistance. Over the last year, the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit has successfully prosecuted and/or settled many cases of Medicaid fraud that have originated from an application for food stamps. It has come to the attention of the investigators in the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit that often when they determine there is Medicaid fraud based on a food stamp application, they are also uncovering food stamp fraud.

It recently came to my attention that there is only one investigator for food stamp fraud for the entire state, and no dedicated prosecutors. Because the Medicaid and food stamp programs are increasingly becoming intertwined, the Attorney General's Office is hopeful that there may be a way for Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Services, and the Attorney General's Office to work together to combat both types of fraud. I am very excited about the prospect and would like to discuss your thoughts on the subject in the near future.

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Note to File:

Director Keck had a 2:15 p.m. conference call with Attorney General Alan Wilson and his staff on 2/19/2014 to discuss the contents of the letter. Byron Roberts, General Counsel, and Kathy Snider, Bureau Chief for Compliance and Performance Review, participated. Mr. Wilson explained that he wanted to meet with the Department of Social Services to obtain funding to allow his office to prosecute food stamp fraud cases that are identified in the process of investigating Medicaid fraud. DSS and Mr. Keck agreed that we would collaborate with the SC Attorney General's Office and DSS on information-sharing and facilitating a unified approach to investigating beneficiary fraud. As a next step Mr. Keck and Mr. Wilson will communicate with the director of DSS.

Kathleen C. Snider
2/19/2014

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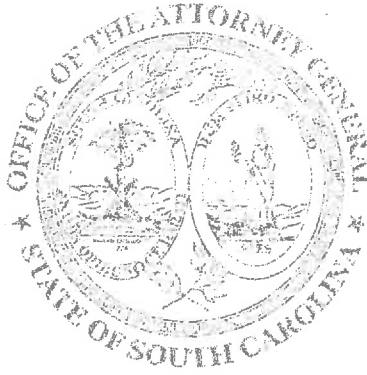
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