

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Liggett/Mary</i>	DATE <i>4/11/14</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER 000358	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Lynch</i> <i>Cleared 5/13/14, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>4/18/14</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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April 9, 2014

Ms. Jennifer Lynch
Constituent Services
S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Re: Ms. Megan E. Jennings
250-83-2860

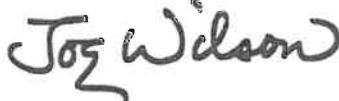
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Signature03/25/14
Today's Date

Please briefly explain your concern (use the back if necessary):

Secondary to an across the board cut in the Respite
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Sincerely,

Megan E. Jennings
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May 13, 2014

Ms. Laura Batey
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Blvd., Suite 1
West Columbia, SC 29169

RE: Ms. Megan E. Jennings

Dear Ms. Batey:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received Congressman Wilson's letter of April 9, 2014, concerning a reduction in Ms. Jennings respite care service hours. After review of South Carolina Medicaid policy and in follow-up, we have requested the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs to rescind their reduction of services and reinstate Ms. Jennings services to their previous level in accordance with current Head and Spinal Cord Injured waiver policy.

We understand they have complied with this request. Should you have any other concerns, please contact me at 803.898.0079.

Sincerely,



Michael Reynolds
Program Manager, Community Options

cc: Ms. Jennifer Lynch, DHHS
Dr. Linda Veldheer, DDSN

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