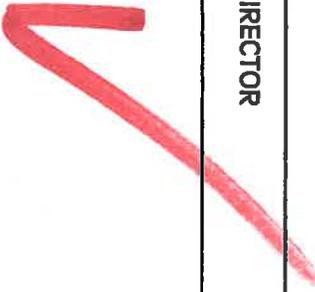


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Re: Chester Active Day and Rehab

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Dear Ms. Bowling,

Enclosed please find a letter I recently received from Marie Williford, Center Director at the Chester Active Day and Rehab. As you can see, she is having great difficulty affording current brokerage system for Medicaid transportation in South Carolina. I would appreciate you reading her letter and addressing her concerns. I would appreciate any help or suggestions you may have in this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



F.G. Delleney, Jr.



August 7, 2007

Dear Greg,

I am writing you to express my concerns over the current brokerage system for Medicaid transportation in SC. I am a registered nurse with 28 years nursing experience. I am currently the director of Chester Active Day and Rehab which is a Medical Adult Day Health Care Provider in Chester SC. I have been in this position for 10 years and over the years DHHS has granted 3 raises to Adult Day Care providers. When I first started in 1997 adult day care providers were paid \$38 a day (5 hour minimum stay) and then a couple of years later it was increased to \$40 per day (5 hour minimum stay) and then in 2006 it was increased to \$42 per day (5 hour minimum stay) and July 1, 2007 the rate was increased to \$45 per day (5 hour minimum stay) thanks to South Carolina Adult Day Services Associations lobbyist Coretta Bledsoe. \$45 may seem like a good deal but for the providers of these adult day services they are expected to provide transportation for the Medicaid clients that live within 15 miles of their facility.

This is very costly and in some cases we have adult day care providers paying transportation companies \$30 - \$40 per day to transport a client who the facility is only getting \$45 for the client and the facility is having to provide nursing care and morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack for, so basically after transportation is paid for and food is paid for the providers are almost operating at a loss while providing a very valuable service to the elderly and disabled citizens of S.C..

My facility has 3 vans that we operate on a daily basis to go out and pick up the clients that live within the 15 mile radius of our facility and all of these clients have MEDICAID. We do not get any reimbursement for these people and we have to pay drivers, insurances, vehicle repairs etc. In my professional opinion clients who have MEDICAID and are going to a MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE where they receive nursing care and monitoring or debilitating health conditions should be transported by the TITLE XIX Medicaid transportation provider to our facility because they are Medicaid recipients and they are attending a MEDICAL related facility.

For example if a MEDICAID client needs to go to The Wound Care Clinic, the doctor's office, outpatient surgery center, etc. their transportation to and from those appointments is provided by the Medicaid Transportation Provider. The Medicaid transportation providers are making more money in transporting clients than what the adult day care makes in a day!

I spoke with Mike Wessinger of Senior Services Inc. of Chester County yesterday afternoon and he said "I'll have to charge yall at least \$675 a day to transport your clients

and I am not sure whether I will break even or not "Mike suggested that I contact Dennis Moss who is a legislator from the Gaffney area who is supposed to be heading up a legislative audit on the Medicaid brokerage system in S. C.. I have sent Mr. Moss a copy of this letter as well.

Providing care for the frail, elderly, and disabled citizens of S. C. is what the Medical Adult Day Cares throughout this state do best and with the availability of Medical Adult Day Care Programs the citizens of S. C. can rest assured that it is more economical for families and for the state budget to care for these citizens in this type of setting than it is for them to be placed in our already full nursing homes throughout the state. Compare the cost of a nursing home to the cost of Medical Adult Day Care and I think you will agree that this is the best alternative for most of the elderly and disabled population in our state.

Sincerely,



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