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May 14, 2008

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Ms. Emma Forkner
Director

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SSC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Tweed and children

Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding medical coverage for his family. Enclosed is a copy of all correspondence for your perusal. Any assistance that you could offer would be most appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169; Fax number 803-939-0078. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Yours very truly,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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May 1, 2008

Dear Congressman Wilson,

I want to thank you for your time and patience regarding the following matter. I am married and we have three boys. I was laid off from my job on January 10, 2008 as a sales representative with XTRA Lease and as a result lost my medical coverage. I am currently unemployed and drawing unemployment benefits. All of my boys have been covered by Medicaid for a few years now. They were set for a yearly review and got accepted for Medicaid for another year. I was told by my case-worker that we could apply for Low-Income Family insurance that would allow my wife and me to be insured as well. We were denied and now have no coverage for us. The ultimate reason for our denial is that we make too much money. I am saddened because I am the only source of income for our family and I am getting unemployment at \$326 per week. I was told that the total net income for a family of five is \$1,005 and we make \$1,041. I am extremely disturbed because I do not know were to turn in order to provide for my family. The reason this is such a big deal is that my wife has several medical needs right now. She has a hyper-active thyroid in which she has had to go to the ER, endocrinologist, and the paramedics had to visit our house... all this week. She desperately needs coverage for her medication, which includes: Effexor, Tapazol, and Atetanol. She also has two teeth that need to be extracted, but we have no means to allow that to happen. We are simply asking for help. If you can do anything, that would be great. Please let mw know at your earliest convenience if there is any way we can go in order to get the proper medical coverage.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Tweed (SS# 249-73-4697) Phone 803-447-4722

and

Candice T. Tweed (SS# 589-58-9323) Phone 803-447-4752



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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

May 29, 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Tweed
124 Wynnumsum Trail
Lexington, South Carolina 29073

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tweed:

Congressman Joe Wilson asked our agency to assist with your concerns regarding Medicaid coverage and eligibility income limits.

Your recent application for Medicaid coverage under the Low Income Families program was denied because your countable monthly income exceeds the allowable limit of \$1,005 for a family of five. We understand this may appear as a low limit for a family of this size. Programs are established based on federal and state regulations as well as funding provided for our programs. Our staff carefully reviewed your application to see if you might be eligible under any Medicaid program, and we regret to inform you that at this time you do not qualify for coverage. Fortunately, all three of your children remain covered under the Partners for Healthy Children program.

We have enclosed materials on organizations that can assist individuals with their healthcare services as well as a listing of dental clinics in South Carolina that may be able to assist you.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have further questions regarding the Medicaid program, please call Bob Liming at (803) 898-2621.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs
Executive Consultant

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Enclosures



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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
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May 29, 2008

The Honorable Joe Wilson
United States House of Representatives
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for referring Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Tweed to our agency regarding their questions about Medicaid coverage and eligibility income limits.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Mr. Tweed to address his concerns. We also mailed them information on several programs that may be able to assist the family with healthcare needs.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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