

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Liggett</i>	DATE <i>6-23-15</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000280	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Sterling Kost cleared 7-28-15, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-2-15</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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June 19, 2015

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Department of Health & Human Services
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Mr. Christian L. Soura
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

RE: Angela Huggins
2594 Highway 56
Pauline, SC 29374-1706
864-706-7999
johnangiehuggins@gmail.com

Dear Christian:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to Angela Huggins, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to Mrs. Huggins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim", written over a horizontal line.

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

5/27/2015

Mrs. Angela Huggins

2594 Highway 56

Pauline, SC 29374

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Yes, I would like a written response

Dear Senator Graham, I am writing to you about my son. His name is Logan, he is 22 years old and has Autism. He is the biggest blessing, and we love him so very much. He has come so far, and in fact wants to go further, but since graduating from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind he has had nothing to do, but stay home. I can see a regression in his social skills, and his physical condition. We have been placed on a Medicaid Waiver waiting list, and his number is over 3000 which means we have to wait 5 years in order for him to qualify for any kind of day services or supports. I feel so helpless, because everyday he ask me if he is going to be a worker. He wants desperately to be a functioning part of society. Autistic people are often overlooked when it comes to jobs because of the stigma of negative behaviors, but I know this about those with ASD, they don't lie, steal, and what you see is what you get. I have never asked for help before, but I am asking!

for my son's sake. He deserves to be a part of this world, and to be able to pursue life to its fullest instead of wasting away in front of the TV at my parents house because we have to work. I would give anything to be able to stay home with him and design a program for him. We would volunteer at the hospital, nursing homes, and I would have him out and exploring jobs and possibilities, but unfortunately that is not an option. The next best thing is to get him into a day program here in Spartanburg, but sooner than later. I appreciate your looking into this for him.

Sincerely,

Angela Huggins

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July 28, 2015

Ms. Angela Huggins
2594 Highway 56
Pauline, South Carolina 29374-1706

RE: Logan Huggins

Dear Ms. Huggins:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has received your letter of June 22, 2015, concerning Mr. Logan Huggins. It is our understanding, after receiving your letter and attachments, that you are requesting help for your 22 year old son (Logan) who is diagnosed with Autism.

On your behalf, we have contacted the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) who has responsibility for serving adults with autism, and provides day to day operations for the Intellectual Disabilities and Related Disabilities (IDRD) Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver program, which offers a wide array of services for individuals residing in the community or needing residential placement.

Our agency has received notice from Mr. Ben Orner (SCDDSN waiver administrator) indicating he has attempted to contact you at (864) 706-7999, on July 6 and July 8, 2015, and left voice messages.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Ben Orner at (803) 898-9729 so he can answer any concerns or questions you may have pertaining to the IDRD waiver program.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Anita Atwood (SCDHHS) at (803) 898-4641.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pete Liggett
Deputy Director

cc: Senator Lindsey O. Graham
Mr. Ben Orner, SCDDSN

