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**From:** <klawn@sccocast.net>  
**To:** <governor@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 5, 2007 1:31 AM  
**Subject:** Governor Request Information form

Shena  
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klawn@sccocast.net

My name is Shena Kennedy, my husband Danny and I adopted 5 children over the past 15 years through the state foster care system. Because they fell into a special needs classification they are were all on medical aid after their adoptions still. I though this medical aid would take care of my children if they were ill. My oldest son Shane was catastrophically injured in a car accident on his way to school in January, when a tractor trailer clipped a large tree limb out of an oak tree and it came through his windshield and through his head. Causing him to have a traumatic brain injury. When he was released from MUSC in March I couldn't believe they were sending home by ambulance, not being able to sit up, speak, walk, and with a feeding tube in his stomach. The doctors said he needed to be in a rehab hospital for appr. 4-6 months. BUT THANKS TO MEDICAID HE ISN'T! Medicaid does not pay for inpatient rehab anymore, I'm told. So my 17 year old high school senior son lays in a hospital bed in our living room unable to move his left side of his body. And thanks to medical aid he may not walk. My family just wanted to thank you our governor and all the wonderful people up there in Columbia that have voted for all these great medical aid out backs that are crippling our children. WE hope you all have a very blessed day and pray you never have to bare the heart ache we are going through with our child.

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## State of South Carolina

### Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Susan B. Bowling  
Acting Director

June 7, 2007

Ms. Shena Kennedy  
309 Highway 66  
Conway, South Carolina 29526

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Mark Sanford regarding Medicaid coverage for rehabilitative services for your son, Daniel. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance in this matter.

The South Carolina Medicaid program does not cover inpatient rehabilitative services in any facility that is not an acute care hospital. However, federal regulations do allow exceptions to this policy for children under the age of twenty-one (21) based on medical necessity criteria. We have reviewed Daniel's case and believe that he meets the criteria for coverage.

Our Medical Director, Dr. Marion Burton, contacted your son's neurosurgeon, Dr. Palstring, to discuss Daniel's current medical condition. During this consultation, Dr. Palstring indicated that Daniel no longer has a feeding tube and his condition has progressed to the point that inpatient rehabilitative services would greatly benefit his recovery process. Greenville Hospital System's Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Center is the only facility in South Carolina that meets Medicaid reimbursement guidelines.

It is my understanding that Ms. Clarissa Johnson, Program Coordinator for Physician Services, contacted you to coordinate a referral from Dr. Palstring to the Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Center in order to arrange the rehabilitative services that Daniel needs. Additionally, she provided contact information about Medicaid transportation services if needed for these Medicaid covered services.

If you have any questions or if we can be of additional assistance, please contact Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Team Leader for Physician Services, at (803) 898-2551.

Sincerely,

*Susan B. Bowling*  
Susan B. Bowling  
Acting Director

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bcc: Emily Jackson  
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