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Ms. Susan B. Bowling
Medical Services
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RE: Palmer Ridgeway

Dear Mrs. Bowling:

Thank you for your patience with Palmer Ridgeway. This patient is a quadriplegic. He has an uninhibited neurogenic bladder, which empties spontaneously and apparently fairly completely. He has not had any urinary tract infection. Because of his paralysis and over the course of the years he has had retraction of his penis to the point that he can no longer wear an external collection device. We have had him checked by the enterostomal therapists and they cannot find anything that will stay in place. He came to me initially asking for a penile prosthesis to extend the penis to the point that he can wear an external collection device. About that time we had a visiting professor who is a urologist from Boston University and I presented this patient to him and the urology journal club here in Florence. He had recommended a procedure to remove fat at the base of the penis and a zyplasty on the penile skin to bring it out enough to wear a prosthesis. I sent the patient for consultation to Dr. Joe Griffin, who is a Board Certified plastic surgeon here in Florence. He does not think that the patient has enough abdominal fat to make any difference. He does have lax abdominal muscles and resecting a portion of these could well result in a hernia and possibly short term relief of his problem, but I don't think and Dr. Griffin agrees, that it would give long term relief of his problem.

For paraplegics penile prosthesis would be another alternative. Time and experience have shown that patients with no sensation don't do well long term with rigid penile prosthesis which is what the patient has originally requested because they erode through the corpora cavernosum into the urethra or out to the skin and then we have worse problems. The inflatable penile prosthesis can be partially inflated, not exert as much pressure and achieve the same thing. I feel that an insertion of an inflatable penile prosthesis would be the procedure of choice in this patient. I have presented him again to the Urology Journal Club after plastic surgeon consultation. I would welcome another opinion and will be glad for him to be seen at any other institution.

I am sorry it has taken us so long with this patient but I am simply trying to do the right thing for the patient. This procedure is not done for restoration of sexual function but so that he can wear an external collection device and not be incontinent of urine.

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I would appreciate hearing from you. Thank you for your patience and support.

Sincerely,

L. Thomas Barnett, M.D.

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cc: The Carolina Center for Medical Excellence
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December 20, 2006

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RE: Homer Ridgeway

Dear Dr. Barnett:

Thank you for your letter regarding South Carolina Medicaid coverage of proposed medical procedures for your patient, Mr. Homer Ridgeway. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance.

On November 29, 2006, Ms. Valeria Williams, Director of the Division of the Physicians Services, contacted Ms. Karen Godwin in your office and discussed the steps needed to obtain prior approval for the penile prosthesis. A fax was also sent containing information from the Physicians, Laboratories and other Medical Professionals Provider Manual which outlines the prior approval process. These guidelines must be followed before the procedure can be authorized. Once the information is received, the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) will review the documents for authorization. CCME will communicate directly with your office concerning their decision.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. William Feagin, Team Leader in the Division of Physician Services, at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
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Deputy Director

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