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Re: Physcial

Comments: I thank you for your
consideration.

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September 7, 2006

Mr. Robert M. Kerr,
Department of Health and Human Services
P. O. Box 8206
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Dear Mr. Kerr,

I am writing to ask for your consideration for possibly increasing our reimbursement for Synagis, this is a necessary vaccine for our premature infants of course as you know to prevent RSV infections which are quite a costly endeavor. Synagis is expensive and our costs have gone up over 10 per cent but we need to continue to offer this service to our medicaid patients as to all of our patients. We need to continue to offer this to our medicaid patients as we are one of a very few facilities that administer these injections.

As you know this is a preventive measure and the cost of hospitalization of these infants would be much greater than the preventive Synagis.

Thanks for your consideration and I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

Elizabeth J. Morphis, M. D.

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cc: Dr. Marion Burton



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
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September 12, 2006

Elizabeth J. Morphis, MD
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Hartsville, SC 29550

Re: Reimbursement of Palivizumab (Synagis®) for the 2006-2007 season

Dear Dr. Morphis:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this matter. We have just recently become aware of Medimmune's price increase. Because we are already in the midst of a state and federal budget year, we do not currently have funds available to support increased payments for palivizumab. We are in the process of trying to identify resources to accommodate this unanticipated price increase.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is currently undertaking a review of all physician/provider-administered medications and palivizumab will certainly be included in this revised pricing. These modifications should be in place sometime before the end of this calendar year.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to our attention. Our agency will continue to work to support your efforts to provide this service to your patients.

Sincerely,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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