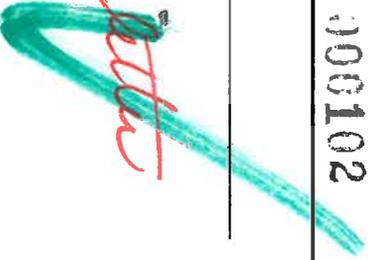


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RE: Sams v. Palmetto Health Alliance (C.A. No. 2004-CP-40-4168)
Garrett v. Palmetto Health Alliance (C.A. No. 2004-CP-40-4116)
HSB File No. 12797.3

Mr. Saxon,

We represent Palmetto Health Alliance in the above cases, which are known as the Hospital Pricing Litigation. This request is made under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would provide us with an annual summary report showing the average, "bottom-line" cost to charge ratios for inpatients and outpatients, as calculated for the 60 to 70 hospitals that contract with Medicaid in South Carolina. We would like the reports for the years 2001 through 2006, which we understand is the latest year available.

Please contact us if you have any questions about our request.

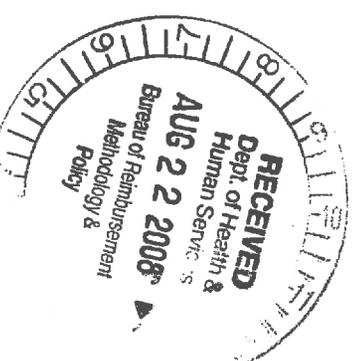
With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



David Proffitt

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September 19, 2008

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Re: Palmetto Health Alliance FOIA

Dear Mr. Proffitt:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request of August 21, 2008, enclosed you will find the information you requested.

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I hope this information is helpful to you. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Richard G. Hepfer in black ink.

Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

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cc: Jeff Saxon, Reimbursement Methodology

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