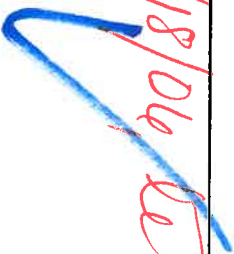


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June 19, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Dinene Hancock

The above-mentioned patient is in need of additional visits added to her 12 yearly visits. She has degenerative disc disease and neuropathy requiring a referral to a pain management physician. Please add additional visits to this patients file so that she can continue her required treatment.

If you should need additional information, please contact me at my office.

Sincerely,

Karen McCutcheon, M.D.



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July 18, 2006

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Re: Dinene Hancock

Dear Dr. McCutcheon:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support three (3) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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