

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

<b>TO</b> <i>Walders</i>	<b>DATE</b> <i>5-9-07</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000712</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Bowling</i> <i>cleaned up 5/23/07, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>5-21-07</i>
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<b>APPROVALS</b> <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>* DISAPPROVE</b> <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	<b>COMMENT</b>
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**JIM DEMINT**  
SOUTH CAROLINA

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## United States Senate

May 3, 2007

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Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Robert M. Kerr  
Director  
Department Of Health And Human Services  
PO Box 8206  
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

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*W. Approp. Sign.*

Dear Mr. Kerr,

I am writing to refer a matter involving my constituent, William Dixon, and his request for assistance with Medicaid. Enclosed is a copy of his letter for your review.

I would greatly appreciate your responding directly to Mr. Dixon about this issue. I have informed Mr. Dixon that I would refer him to your agency in an effort to be helpful.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Jim DeMint  
United States Senator

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WILLIAM DIXON SSS# 263-15-3840

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April 26, 2007

Senator Jim De Mint  
105 N. Spring Street  
Suite 109  
Greenville, SC 29601

Dear Senator De Mint,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband of 29 years, Bill Dixon. Bill suffered a massive stroke September 21, 2005 at the age of 51. The stroke has left him totally disabled, including a severe speech and language disability in that he is unable to talk or communicate through the written word. He is receiving SSI and Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid benefits.

Bill went through extensive physical and speech rehabilitation at Roger C. Peace. He was recommended for an augmentative speech device that will allow him to communicate on several levels. It will not only allow him to communicate basic needs such as thirst, fatigue, etc., it will assist him in communicating his abstract thoughts as well. The device will also be a tremendous help for his health care providers. At his last doctor's visit, we spent about 15 minutes trying to decipher a medical concern he wanted to share with the doctor. Playing "charades" is not a reliable or effective way to communicate!

Sharon Steed of AmMed Health evaluated Bill and filed his claim with Medicaid. The claim was denied. We appealed and are scheduled to appear before James S. Guignard, At Large Hearing Officer, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

Any assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated not only by Bill but also all those who care about him.

Sincerely,

*Coby Dixon*  
email: cobydxn@hotmail.com

The office of Jim De Mint has my permission to communicate with any necessary parties on my behalf in the resolution of this matter.

*W.T. Dicks*

William T. Dixon 263-15-3840

*64/26/07*  
Date



**State of South Carolina**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**

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Mark Sanford  
Governor

Susan B. Bowling  
Acting Director

May 23, 2007

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

*Personal and Confidential*  
Mrs. William Dixon  
103 Pheasant Trail  
Greenville, South Carolina 29607

Re: Final Administrative Decision in the Appeal Matter of William Dixon vs. SC DHHS  
Appeal Case #: 07-MISC-021

Dear Mrs. Dixon:

The Final Administrative Decision in the referenced matter is set forth in the enclosure. Any party has the right to petition for further review of this Decision, as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act [S.C. Code Ann. Section 1-23-310, et seq., (1976, as amended)].

To request an appeal, a Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Administrative Law Court, 1205 Pendleton Street, Brown Building – Suite 224, Columbia, S. C. 29201-3755 within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Decision. A copy of the Notice of Appeal should be provided to the S. C. Department of Health and Human Services' (SCDHHS) Office of General Counsel.

The Notice of Appeal must be submitted in accordance with Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure for the S.C. Administrative Law Court, which establishes specific requirements for the contents of a Notice of Appeal, as well as the requirement that a copy of the request for transcript accompany the Notice of Appeal. The original request for transcript should be directed to the SCDHHS' Division of Appeals at the address below.

In accordance with the ALC rules, the cost of producing the transcript will be the responsibility of the party requesting appellate review. For a copy of the ALC rules, you may contact the Administrative Law Court at (803) 734-0550.

Also, please see the enclosed Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure for the ALC, which sets forth the required filing fee for an appeal.

Sincerely yours,

  
Masime Crouch, Director  
Division of Appeals and Hearings

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Mrs. William Dixon  
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- Enclosures:
1. Final Administrative Decision
  2. Rule 71, Rules of Procedure for the Administrative Law Court

cc: Office of General Counsel, SC DHHS  
James Assey, SC DHHS J-12