


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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JOE WILSON
2ND DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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February 22, 2008

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Mr. David T. Criswell
SSN 287-42-5789

Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding the inability to have medical care, because he cannot pay for it. Enclosed is a copy of all correspondence for your perusal. Any assistance that you could offer would be most appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169; Fax number 803-939-0078. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Yours very truly,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Tuesday August 15, 2006

To whom it may concern:

I have sought assistance from Congressman Joe Wilson on a matter that may require the release of information maintained by your agency, and which may be prohibited from dissemination under the Privacy Act of 1974.

I hereby authorize you to release all relevant portions of my records or to discuss information involved in this case with Congressman Wilson or any authorized member of his staff until the matter is resolved.

DAVID T. CRISWELL 04/23/1948

Name of Claimant- (Please Print)

Date of Birth

4716 BRENTHAVEN RD Columbia SC 29206

Address of Claimant

287-42-5789

Social Security Number

V/A Claim # or OPM # (if applicable)

803-414-1317

Telephone Number-Work

Telephone Number-Home



Today's Date

02-11-2008

Please briefly explain your concern: SEE ATTACHED LETTER

(use the back if necessary)

LETTER

DAVID T. CRISWELL

4716 BRENTHAVEN ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29206
(803) 414-1317
DRAGONLADYLAURA@ATT.NET

February 10, 2008

Congress Joe Wilson
Midlands Office
1700 Sunset Blvd
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Re: Requesting Help with Medicaid

Dear Congress Wilson,

I am trying to get help in having my Medicaid Implemented. I have run into several road blocks in recent weeks and thought that you might be able to help get past these problems. Below is a brief summary of what has been going on in the last few months.

Near the first of November I got what I thought was the flu and on the 13th of November I went to Palmetto Richland Hospital with difficulty breathing. After being admitted, it was discovered that I had new onset CHF [Congestive Heart Failure] and COPD [Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease]. The CHF appears to have been brought on by a virus. After being discharged with 5 different medicines and 2 inhalers, I began multiple Doctors visits, more tests [PET Scan, PF test] and a mountain of paperwork to try to get help. The paperwork for Medicaid was filled out and turned in the first week of December with the help of a Social Worker at the Hospital. I received a letter the 28th of December from Yvonne Wilson with the SC Vocational Rehabilitation requesting more information in order to get the Medicaid to us. On 22nd of January I received another letter requesting more information [almost the same exact information that had been turned into the SC Voc Rehabilitation a month earlier] from Heather Howell-Whitlock the Disability Examiner with Voc Rehabilitation, but on the federal level. I called Ms. Wilson to find out what was going on and was informed that the Fed's had started the Social Security Disability paperwork and the state could not implement my Medicaid, that it essentially been frozen until the Fed's made a determination about my Social Security. After repeated tries to reach Ms. Whitlock, I reached her and was told that she could not start the process until all requested paperwork from my doctors was to her. I called my doctors office and they had not received a request for information. I then again called Ms. Whitlock and gave her my Cardiologists Medical Secretary's fax and phone number and told her that if she would fax a request to them that afternoon, they would have it to her that same day. Ms. Whitlock told me she would and would be back in touch with me soon. Karen, Dr. Seidel's Medical Secretary, called later that afternoon and informed me that the request had been received and the medical information had been sent. Well, that was the beginning of the week of 28th of January and I have not heard from Ms. Whitlock since that last call. I have been told that the Social Security Disability and Medicaid process can take from 3 months to 3 years.

I have since been told by my doctor's office [for the COPD] that I can not return to see the Doctor until I pay them over \$800.00. I also have over \$2000.00 owed to my Cardiologist and have had to postpone the surgery for Angioplasty and Stints that I was scheduled for on the 5th of February until this Medicaid is

settled.

I was told at discharge from the hospital that my heart has a ejection fraction [output of the heart] of 10% to 15%, my Cardiologist has since informed me that she will in the near future want to implant a pacemaker and that I am a cardiac transplant patient. Dr. Seidel, my Cardiologist, has informed me that I am now and that I will be permanently disabled.

We need help getting this situation taken care of and moving forward. My wife and I have gone from 2 incomes to one over night, Hers. She brings in approx \$12,500.00 before taxes. Even though I get most of my prescriptions from Walmart at a reduced charge, I am not able to get one of my Inhalers for the COPD, because of the cost, at \$99.00 per inhaler.

Any help you could give in resolving this situation would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,




David T. Criswell


Authorization Form Enclosed
Heather Howell-Whitlock 803-896-6772 Claim# H00366 Disability Examiner

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Fortner
Director

March 4, 2008

Mr. David T. Criswell
4716 Brenthaven Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Dear Mr. Criswell:

Congressman Joe Wilson asked our agency to assist with your questions and concerns regarding healthcare assistance.

We are pleased to inform you that your application for Medicaid coverage under the Aged, Blind or Disabled program was approved retroactively to November 1, 2007. You should be receiving the approval letter within the next two weeks. Your Medicaid card will also be mailed to you and may be used immediately for Medicaid covered services.

If you have any questions about your Medicaid coverage, please call Ms. Shirley Thomas, your Medicaid eligibility worker in Richland County, at (803) 432-2028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs
Interim Deputy Director

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Joe Wilson
United States House of Representatives
1700 Sunset Blvd., Suite 1
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Re: Mr. David T. Criswell

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for referring Mr. David T. Criswell to our agency regarding his applications for Medicaid and Social Security Disability.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Mr. Criswell, and we were pleased to address his questions and concerns regarding his Medicaid application.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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