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Susan Bowling, Acting Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
1801 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Ms. Bowling;

This letter is to formally request a meeting regarding the Non-Emergent Transportation Program. As President of the South Carolina EMS Association, I have recently received numerous calls regarding information that providers are receiving from the two brokers that conflict with the education provided by Health and Human Services. Additionally, I would like to have a representative from the Transportation Service to be present and speak at our next Association meeting scheduled for July 12, 2007.

As a provider, our goal is to ensure that the Medicaid beneficiary receives the appropriate transportation, and the services are paid by the appropriate organization. With the conflicting information, I am not sure that this is occurring efficiently.

We also request a meeting with the Executive Committee of the South Carolina EMS Association, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and representatives from both LogistCare and MTM. The outcome from this meeting is to have a clear definition on what type and parameters of transports that the brokers would be responsible for and what type of transports that the Medicaid program would be responsible for.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter. I can be contacted at (864)260-4609 (office), (864)444-0798 (cell), via e-mail at slesiak@medshore.com, or through the offices of the South Carolina EMS Association at (803)794-7093.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Lesiak
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South Carolina EMS Association



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July 10, 2007

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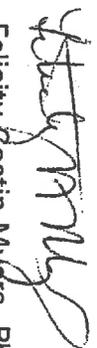
Dear Mr. Lesiak:

Thank you for your letter dated June 25, 2007, inviting representatives from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to attend and speak at the South Carolina Emergency Medical Service Association meeting to be held on July 12, 2007. Due to prior commitments, the SCDHHS transportation program area will be unable to attend this meeting.

Regarding your request for a meeting with SCDHHS and representatives from Medical Transportation Management and Logisticare to review transportation guidelines and issues, it may be scheduled at a future date. SCDHHS transportation representatives are currently engaged in Broker implementation and legislative meetings. In an effort to ensure appropriate transportation for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries, DHHS is continuing to monitor transportation services and to immediately resolve issues related to those services. For clarification of non-emergency ambulance transportation guidelines, please contact Ms. Vivian Bufford at (803) 898-3902, in the transportation program area.

We appreciate your participation and support of the South Carolina Medicaid Transportation program. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Shirley Carrington at (803) 898-2655.

Sincerely,


Felicity Costin Myers, Ph.D.
Bureau Chief

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