

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>10-1-10</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100152</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Claudia 10/7/10, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10-12-10</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action		

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

Department of Health & Human Services  
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Dear Ms. Forkner:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Madison Asvestas and her mother Heather Asvestas of 1200 Weldon Lane Conway, SC 29526-8598, who has applied to the Medicaid TEFFRA program and would like to know the status of her application. Please note that Madison is only 13 years old and is suffering from a brain tumor, which she is expected to have removed in approximately 2 ½ weeks. If there is any way her application could expedited so that she meets her surgery date, it would be greatly appreciated. I would appreciate your assistance in addressing her inquiry and responding to her concerns.

Please find the enclosed privacy release for further details. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Cam Crawford in my Myrtle Beach office at (843) 445-6459.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure(s)

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Dear Congressman Brown:

In response to my request for assistance, you have informed me that the Federal Information and Privacy Act requires you to have my written authorization for you to be able to inquire into this matter on my behalf. In accordance with the Privacy Act, I hereby authorize you, or a member of your staff, to make an inquiry to and obtain necessary information on my behalf from:

Medicaid TEFRA 9/29/10 Current Date  
Name of Agency or Agencies  
Madison Asvestas  
Print/Name in Full  
Nathaniel Asvestas Ellis  
Signature in Writing (Manual)  
843-455-4560 843-455-4560  
Home Phone, Including A/C Work or Day Phone, Including A/C  
hasvestas@yahoo.com  
Email Address  
1600 Sheldon Lane Conway, SC 29526  
(Home Address in 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District) Street Address City Zip

(Mailing Address, If Different from Above)

Street or P. O. Box

City

Zip

Briefly State Your Request Below:

Note: If you have copies of documents concerning your case, please include them. Continue on back if necessary.

my daughter had an optic glioma. Tumor behind her left eye it has started to grow and surgery will take place in the next two weeks. I have applied for TEFRA medicare b/c I do not have insurance and can't afford insurance due to her condition please process the app. as soon as possible. This will have to have attention the best of her life. Thank you

Please place a check in the space provided if you include more information on the back of this form or have included an attachment

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

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Emma Forkner  
Director

October 7, 2010

The Honorable Henry Brown  
United States House of Representatives  
1800 North Oak Street, Suite C  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

Dear Congressman Brown:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Ms. Heather Asvestas regarding Medicaid eligibility for her daughter, Madison.

A member of my staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Asvestas to address her questions and concerns regarding Madison's Medicaid application. We will expedite the application as much as possible and notify Ms. Asvestas once a decision has been made. She was also given the name and phone number of a staff person in our Division of Constituent and Beneficiary Services should she have questions in the future.

We appreciate 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, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner  
Director

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October 8, 2010

Ms. Heather Asvestas Ellis  
1200 Weldon Lane  
Conway, South Carolina 29526

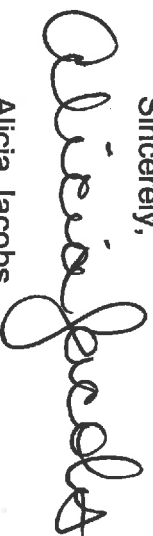
Dear Ms. Asvestas-Ellis:

Congressman Henry Brown contacted our agency on your behalf regarding your concerns about Medicaid eligibility and the healthcare needs of your daughter, Madison.

You applied for the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) program for Madison on September 15, 2010. We are currently reviewing Madison's application to determine her eligibility. We will process her application as quickly as possible, and notify you once a decision has been made. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the process, please contact her eligibility worker, Rhonda Tucker, at (803) 898-2934 and she will be happy to assist you.

If you have additional questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Jennifer Lynch in Constituent Services at (803) 898-3965. We hope this information proves helpful.

Sincerely,



Alicia Jacobs  
Deputy Director

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