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Thank you.

From: Kelly, LaWandra
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Mr. Kester,

I spoke with Joseph Hinerman who is well known with the local Ombudsmen in Charleston.

Synopsis:

He called because the facility (Life Care of Charleston) is threatening to discharge his loved one because they have used all 100 Medicare days. He had a meeting with the facility staff on 10-1-2013. At the meeting per Mr. Hinerman they suggested he apply for Medicaid. He wanted to know if he applied for Medicaid why would Medicaid "take the money" meaning his loved one's Social Security check. At this point the facility is not being paid anything for the resident's care and the facility stated to Mr. Hinerman as well as the local ombudsman that they were going to discharge his loved one to his sister who lives in Florida but Mr. Hinderman objects to this placement. Bottom line he has stalled and does not want to apply for Medicaid because he is not employed and Medicaid would use any monies received for the care of the resident. He currently resides in the home and uses the social security check to pay the bills.

We also talked about having his loved one accessed by Community Long Term Care to see if they needed skilled nursing to which he stated he thought they did. After speaking with Ombudsman Patti Lobik she confirmed that the resident did meet skilled level of care. I let the local ombudsman know that he had contacted our office and referred his concern to them.

Thanks,
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