

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO	DATE
Roberts/Singleton/FOIA	7-29-14

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1. LOG NUMBER 000031	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR cc: Coy Mullis Cleared 8/8/14, letter attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE 8-12-14
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July 29, 2014

Stephanie Ryan
SCDHHS
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Ms. Ryan:

Pursuant to the SC Freedom of Information Act, Title 30, Chapter 4, we are requesting the following information.

1. The total number of licensed, practicing Physicians (MD & DO) accepting Medicaid in South Carolina.
2. The total number of licensed, practicing Primary Care Physicians (MD & DO) accepting Medicaid in South Carolina.
3. The total number of licensed, Practicing Specialists (MD & DO) accepting Medicaid in South Carolina.

Please contact me at 933-3762 with any questions you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Roakes". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tracey Roakes
Lead Compliance Coordinator

Brenda James

From: Stephanie Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Brenda James
Subject: FW: Request
Attachments: SCDHHS 7-29-14.pdf

Hi Brenda!

I received this FOIA request this morning from ATC. Can you please let me know what steps I need to take to log this and start the process of gathering information?

Thanks!

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Program Coordinator
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From: Tracey Roakes [mailto:TROAKES@CENTENE.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 8:28 AM
To: Stephanie Ryan
Cc: Talvin Herbert; Donald Pifer
Subject: RE: Request

Good morning Stephanie,

Per our conversation, attached is the FOIA letter requesting the information needed for Don. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Tracey

From: Donald Pifer
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 8:39 AM
To: Tracey Roakes
Cc: Talvin Herbert

Subject: RE: Request

Importance: High

I need the following from SCDHHS:

Total number of licensed, practicing physicians (MD & DO only) accepting Medicaid in SC = ?

Total number of licensed, practicing primary care physicians (MD & DO) accepting Medicaid in SC = ?

Total number of licensed, practicing specialists (MD & DO) accepting Medicaid in SC = ?

Thank you

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Good morning Don,

Please provide me with the details of what you are asking for so I can reach out to the Corporate Staff to assist.

Thanks,

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From: Donald Pifer

Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 5:11 PM

To: Talvin Herbert; Tracey Roakes

Subject: FW: Request

Can you guys help me with this request - I just need a few minutes.

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From: Stephanie Ryan [<mailto:Stephanie.Ryan@scdhhs.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 10:02 AM

To: Donald Pifer

Subject: Request

Good Morning, Mr. Pifer –

I have requested the information that you asked for. However, I was told that in order to receive this information, Centene will need to submit a FOIA request through the proper channels and our legal department will put the information together that you have asked for.

Thanks so much and please let me know if you need anything else!

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SUBJECT: Cost of Processing FOIA Request #

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Please remit the above amount to the following address:

Bureau of Fiscal Affairs
 South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
 Post Office Box 8297
 Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8297

Please contact _____ should you have any questions.

 Signature

 Date:

August 8, 2014

Tracey Roakes
Absolute Total Care
1441 Main Street
Columbia, SC 2901

Dear Ms. Roakes:

Your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 29, 2014 was referred to me for processing. You requested the following information:

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There are 11, 267 licensed practicing physicians that are in enrolled in South Carolina Medicaid. However, please note that being enrolled does not mean that the physician is currently accepting South Carolina Medicaid. The South Carolina Department of Health Human Service (SCDHHS) does not track if a physician is enrolled, but not accepting Medicaid in South Carolina.

There are 4,366 licensed practicing Primary Care physicians that are enrolled in South Carolina Medicaid. As previously noted, the fact that the Primary Physician is enrolled in South Carolina Medicaid does not mean that the Primary Physician is currently accepting South Carolina Medicaid. Primary Care physicians are categorized as follows:

- Family Practice/1,789, General Practice/90, Internal Medicine/1,624, Obstetrics/7 and Gynecology/19).
- Pediatricians (Pediatric/829, Pediatric Allergy/2, Pediatric Cardiology/6)

In order for the agency to provide the information regarding "Practicing Specialists" please specify which specialties you are referring to.

Thank you for your request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (803-898-0062).

Sincerely,


Constance D. Holloway

CC: Kim Cox

Constance / Linda Byer

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