

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Bawling</i>	DATE <i>7-17-06</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>		<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000090</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-26-06</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaved / Bawling, better attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action		

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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July 11, 2006

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Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

O. Marion Burton, MD  
Medical Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
P.O. Box 8206  
Columbia, S.C. 29202-8206

Dear Dr. Burton:

Norris Wright, a diabetic hypertensive, was in a motorcycle accident on 6/4/06. He sustained numerous contusions, abrasions, and a concussion. These injuries necessitated a visit to the emergency room, and follow-up visits to our office. His numerous wounds had to be cleaned and dressed, and his neurological status assessed. He was seen here on 6/8/06, 6/13/06, 6/19/06. His diabetes and hypertension were also assessed during those visits.

We would appreciate Medicaid extending his coverage to pay for these visits.

Sincerely,



David R. Hobbs, M.D.  
Medical Director for Family Healthcare of Ridgeland



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*Department of Health and Human Services*

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July 24, 2006

David R. Hobbs, MD  
Family Healthcare of Ridgeland  
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Re: Norris Wright

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support four (4) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits. Adult Medicaid beneficiaries are allowed twelve (12) physician office visits beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Attending physicians can request additional visits only when these initial twelve (12) are exhausted for medically necessary care

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of O. Marion Burton in black ink.

O. Marion Burton, MD  
Medical Director

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