

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Roberts</i>	DATE <i>8-6-13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000062</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Keck, Kost</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
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ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 31, 2013

Mr. Anthony Keck, Director
Dept. of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

Re: State v. Richard C. Cooke

Dear Director Keck:

As you are aware, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the AG's office recently prosecuted and convicted Richard C. Cooke of multiple charges related to fraudulent cost reports filed with the Medicaid Program. Mr. Cooke was convicted of two counts of forgery, both of which are felonies, and four (4) counts of Medical Assistance Provider Fraud. The sentence for Mr. Cooke included one year of home detention and restitution to the Medicaid Program of \$1,020,818.34. Mr. Cooke has already delivered checks totaling \$500,000.00, payable to SCHHS which were delivered to your staff last week. In addition, Mr. Cooke entered a Consent Order to repay in excess of \$2,000,000.00 to the Medicaid Program for overpayments his companies received during the past several years from the Medicaid Program.

During the investigation and prosecution of this case, your staff provided valuable assistance and cooperation. I greatly appreciate the work of your staff in helping achieve such an excellent result for the Medicaid Program and the taxpayers of the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson

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