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TO <i>Bearling</i>	DATE <i>7-25-06</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000113</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 8/8/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>8-3-06</i>
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*Doc. Bowlin
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RE: Homer Ridgeway
Medicaid # 6435743901

Dear Sir:

Homer Ridgeway is paralyzed. He is a quadriplegic. He has urinary incontinence and has difficulty keeping an external collection device in place because of a retractile penis. There is a procedure called incising the suspensory ligament of the penis which will work sometimes in changing the angle of the penis and extending it enough so that an external collection device can be placed and stay in place. There is no absolute guarantee that this procedure will work. It is a fairly simple procedure to do and can be done as an outpatient. Mr. Ridgeway is willing to try this. If it does not work, then the only other thing that I know to offer him would be a penile prosthesis, not for sexual function, but to lengthen the penis sufficiently so that an external collection device could be placed and stay in place to keep him from leaking urine.

We need to find out in advance if Medicare and Medicaid will cover either, or both, of these procedures. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

L. Thomas Barnett, M.D.

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cc: Mr. Homer Ridgeway
3050 Highway 15 South
Sumter, South Carolina 29154



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August 8, 2006

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Dear Dr. Barnett:

Thank you for your letter regarding South Carolina Medicaid coverage of proposed medical procedures for your patient, Mr. Homer Ridgeway. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance.

It is my understanding that Maureen Ryan, a program manager in the Division of Physician Services, contacted you and your medical coder to discuss the specific details of the procedures you are proposing. It was determined that a specific Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code for an incision of the penile suspensory ligament was not available. Therefore, you must select an unlisted code that is similar to this procedure. An operative report and medical records must be attached to the claim to be considered for payment. Coverage and reimbursement will be directly related to the support documentation submitted with the claim and medical necessity. A complete description of the policy relating to this matter can be found in the *Physicians, Laboratories and Other Medical Professionals Provider Manual*, Section 2, page 26.

The second proposed procedure, insertion of a penile prosthesis, requires prior authorization. All necessary documents, including a Request for Prior Approval Form (see attached), must be submitted to:

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence
Attention: SC Medicaid Prior Approval Review
246 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 200
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

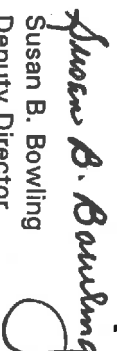
For more information on the prior approval policy, refer to the *Physicians, Laboratories and Other Medical Professionals Provider Manual*, Section 2, pages 195-201.

Our records indicate that Mr. Ridgeway is currently covered by both Medicare and Medicaid. Therefore, services rendered to him must be billed to Medicare first. A claim can then be filed to Medicaid indicating the payment amount from Medicare. Medicaid will pay any difference between Medicare's payment and the Medicaid allowed amount.

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Again, thank you for your inquiry and your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Team Leader in the Division of Physician Services, at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,


Susan B. Bowling
Deputy Director

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