

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>3/31/09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>106543</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>4-7-09</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
<i>cc: Huber cleared 4/7/09, letter attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
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*Serving Children and Families*KATHLEEN M. HAYES, PH.D.
STATE DIRECTORMARK SANFORD
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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: March 31, 2009 Number of Pages: (including cover sheet) 3To: Organization: Department of Health and Human ServicesAttention: Jennifer LynchFax Number: 803.255.8350From: Division or County: Office of Constituent ServicesAddress: P.O. Box 1520, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1520Name: Lenora B. Reese, DirectorFax Number: (803) 898-7652Telephone Number: (803) 898-7700

Comments: Jennifer, I have notified Mr. Chellis that I forwarded this to your office for appropriate response/action because the Medicaid program is administered by SCDHHS. I also assured his staff that you would follow up directly with the constituent and their office. Thanks for your help.

Transmitted by: _____

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER
CONVERSE A. CHELLIS III, CPA

March 24, 2009

Ms. Kartheleen Hayes
Director
South Carolina Department of Social Services
1535 Confederate Avenue Extension
Columbia, SC 29202-1520

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Enclosed is a letter that was sent to my office by Ms. Cynthia Dianne Elm in regards to an issue she is having with Medicaid. I would appreciate your having someone in your office look into this matter.

Yours very truly,

Converse A. Chellis III, CPA
State Treasurer

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Enclosure

Cc: Ms. Cynthia Dianne Elm



Converse A. Challis III
119 Parkwood Drive
Summerville, South Carolina
29483
(843)873-8459

Dear Mr. Converse A. Challis,

I am writing to you, because I need your help with obtaining South Carolina State Medicaid benefits for my disabled son that were canceled with only a 1 weeks notice that was mailed to me. Also, the state office did not even have my correct address on the letter. So luckily, I received the letter of termination. I used to receive SSL, but no longer because I make a little over the limit, so his Medicaid was terminated as well. My son's disability is Autism, and he did receive services through the DDSN, via a MR/RD waiver slot that is funded through Medicaid, with out the Medicaid he can no longer receive these services. I am a single mother, who lives in a Habitat for Humanity neighborhood, and I work full time. Upon receiving the letter of termination, I immediately called Pam Furman, my case worker through DDSN, to let her know the urgency of the situation. She gave me the number to call Ms. Sandy Green the Medicaid worker for DDSN. I called and left two messages for her to call me back. She called me back 7 days later. The same day Pam Furman came to my house, I was on the phone with Ms. Green. Ms. Green's voice, and attitude while I was on the phone with her was very sarcastic. She was not very helpful. I felt like she did not care what was happening to me, and my son. I called the state office in Columbia South Carolina and requested that an application for TEFRA be mailed to my house. Pam Furman came to my house to help me complete it. I completed an application, to re apply for TEFRA Medicaid which is based solely on disability, not income. I receive very little child support, and cannot afford to take my son to the doctor, if he gets sick. He will also lose needed speech therapy through the school as well. I am very worried. Ms. Green said it could take as long as 6 months to get approved for the TEFRA Medicaid. DDSN will only be able to hold his MR/RD waiver slot for 90 days. I need help now. Please help, to ens are they do not drag their heels with my application, I am worried due to the fact that it has taken 1 year for Medicaid to realize that my son no longer qualified for the regular Medicaid, and they canceled it with little to no notice.

Please help me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Dianne Elm

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10 Craig Court

Summerville, South Carolina 29483 (843) 873-9110



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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

April 7, 2009

The Honorable Converse A. Chellis III, CPA
South Carolina State Treasurer
Post Office Box 11778
Wade Hampton Building, 1200 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Chellis:

We received your correspondence addressed to the Department of Social Services regarding Medicaid eligibility for Ms. Cynthia Elm's son, Christopher Hodges.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Elm, and we were pleased to address her questions regarding the Medicaid program.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

EF/cc



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

April 7, 2009

Ms. Cynthia Dianne Elm
10 Craig Court
Summerville, South Carolina 29483

Dear Ms. Elm:

At the request of State Treasurer, Converse Chellis, the Department of Social Services asked our agency to assist with your concerns about Medicaid eligibility for your son, Christopher Hodges.

We are pleased to inform you Christopher Hodges has been approved for Medicaid coverage under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) program with an effective date of December 1, 2008. Therefore, he will continue to receive Medicaid without a break in coverage. His Medicaid card will be mailed to you and may be used immediately for Medicaid covered services.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Sheila Chavis in Constituent Services at (803) 898-2707.

Sincerely,


Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

AJ/cc