

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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1. LOC NUMBER 000085	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 7/19/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-25-06</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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July 11, 2006

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Marion Burton, MD
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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

RE: Mary K. Gamble
DOB: 7/29/1955
Medicaid Recipient #5223876801

Dear Dr. Burton:

Mary is a 53 year old female followed here at the Andrews Medical Center for several problems. She has significant problems with depression, GERD, hypertension, glaucoma, hyperthyroidism, hyperlipidemia, obstructive sleep apnea, and essential tremors. She has also recently undergone a laproscopic bypass and a laproscopic cholecystectomy. In general, I can see Ms. Gamble approximately every three months to monitor her chronic medical problems and also on an acute basis for problems. She is also followed at the Waccamaw Mental Health Center and also has been seeing Dr. David Anderson who performed her recent surgeries. She has done quite well with her surgeries having lost approximately 71 pounds since her last surgery in July of 2005. Her anxiety and depression tend to be somewhat cyclic in nature and seem to have improved with her recent surgical treatment. Her lipid panel was recently obtained and showed a fairly good response to the weight loss, diet, and medications.

One her most recent visit in June of 2006 her blood pressure was elevated at 164/100 and I recommended that she continue to monitor that and follow up in three months as scheduled. I am requesting two additional visits to complete her year and hopefully her condition will allow us to limit her to approximately four visits per year except for specialty evaluations.

Sincerely,


Bernard Jones, MD



State of South Carolina
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Director

July 19, 2006

Bernard L. Jones, MD
Waccamaw Medical Center
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Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Re: Mary K. Gamble

Dear Dr. Jones:

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.

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,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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