

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>5/3/13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000339</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR _____ <i>Cleared 4/15/13, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>5/14/13</i>
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May 1, 2013

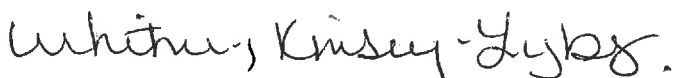
Dear Director Tony Keck,

My name is Whitney Kinsey-Lykes. I am writing this letter to you on behalf of my daughter, Haylee, who is 5 years old and has Sickie Hemoglobin D disease with Alpha Thalassemia trait. This is a rare form of Sickie Cell Disease and her condition has not changed since birth. She has been receiving Tax Equity Fairness and Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Medicaid Disability until recently when I received a letter this week from them stating that her coverage will be stopped as of June 1, 2013 because she no longer qualifies for this benefit.

I do not understand this decision as her condition has not changed and will not improve over her lifetime. I have tried to get life insurance policies on her, but have been denied because of her condition. She has the unfortunate chance of having a stroke or heart attack at any time. Every year, Haylee has a Doppler study of her brain performed to make sure that the circulation in her brain is not compromised by her condition. With her condition being rare, the doctors in my area are not sure how to treat her and go by treatment that is routine for a child with sickle cell disease. She has had several hospitalizations through her life and treated with IV Rocephin to reduce fevers and IV fluids to keep her hydrated. She is on daily medication to keep her hemoglobin from dropping and an antibiotic that is a routine treatment for children with sickle cell. When her fever rises, she is hospitalized to make sure that she is not in crisis or that it does not worsen.

My husband and I both work in law enforcement. I am a Police Officer with the City of Columbia, SC and he is a Deputy Sheriff with Richland County. As you know, law enforcement is not a high paying job. We applied for Social Security disability and Haylee was approved medically, but denied due to our income. This TEFRA has been a Godsend for us helping us out tremendously. Cutting this benefit would cause us much financial difficulty as medication and hospitalization is not cheap. I have served my community for almost 5 years and when I need my community and government to assist me, they are choosing not to do so. Therefore I am asking your assistance in helping to have Haylee's Medicaid coverage reinstated. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

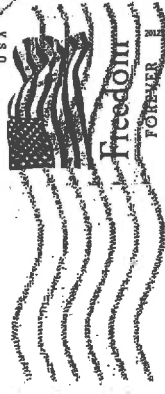


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UNITED STATES SENATE

May 8, 2013

Mr. Anthony Keck
Director
S.C. Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Mr. Keck:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to the individual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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April 15, 2013

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Dear Ms. Kinsey-Lykes:

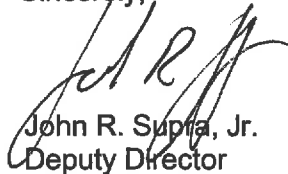
Thank you for contacting our Agency regarding the closure of your daughter, Haylee Lykes', Medicaid case.

Haylee's case for Medicaid's *Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act* (TEFRA) program is scheduled to close effective June 1, 2013, because she does not meet the disability criteria. Our Member Relations Leader, Ms. Carolyn Roach, has been in direct contact with you and stated you wish to appeal the closure of Haylee's case. The required paperwork to file this appeal has been sent to you via email by Ms. Roach.

If you have additional questions regarding the Medicaid program, please contact Ms. Roach at (803) 898-3967 and she will be happy to assist you.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,


John R. Supra, Jr.
Deputy Director

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