


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>1001332</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Gov Office # 001129</i> <i>Cleared 2/19/10, letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>2-19-10</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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From: <TURBOooo30@yahoo.com>
To: <mark@gov.sc.gov>
Date: Mon, Jan 25, 2010 11:22 PM
Subject: Medicaide Quuestion and Complant

Contact the Office of the Governor

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Date | 1/25/2010 11:21:40 PM
Subject | Medicaide Quuestion and Complant

To whom it may Concern,

My name is Mark Keniston and I am a 41 Year old male who is disabled and unable to work. I receive SSI and I also Get Medicaide. I moved from West Palm Beach Fl to Inman Sc about 7 months ago. When I lived in florida I had to have all my top teeth taken out and I also had like 6 teeth removed from my bottom right side and I had top dentures Made at no cost threw medicaide. Now after haveing all my teeth pulled at top they say you have to wait a while then the dentures have to be realined as medicaide should cover the adjustment which can not be done cause in this state it does not cover it..so thats one problem as I cant wear my dentures and have not been able to for over 4 months now..Also I had a pain on my left side bottom tooth one day and called the dentist here as I went in and had some x-rays done they noticed that I have 2 Wisdom teeth Under my gums
Bottoms/so I was set up to go see an oral surgen as the DR told me whats going on...On my left side I have a bad tooth under that there is a sist and under that is a wistom tooth and also was told that my jaw bone is really weak and that id need to have some bone repair done...On my right side bottom I have a wisdom tooth that has already busted threw my gums and has been infected many times as I take meds for that but it keeps getting worse..The pain in my Hole Mouth is so bad that days I cant even stand to eat. I want to know why I can not have this work done using my medicaide? Everytime I call to find out why I never get a straight answer. I have been told medicaide will cover to have teeth removed then I have been told medicaide will not cover out patient care at a hospital since this work can not be done in the office. How can someone afford to get anything like this done Only getting \$667.00 a month and haveing to pay liveing costs exe? I have been told "o call the news center" "or call the News Paper" But then someone told me write to Governor Mark Sanford as I hope he will get to see this letter. Im hopeing that someone can help me as I do not know what to do from here. Im



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State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR

Post Office Box 12267
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January 26, 2010

Mr. Mark Keniston
102 Strawberry Drive
Inman, South Carolina 29349

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your e-mail. I am sorry to hear of the difficulties you are experiencing and am asking that someone from the Department of Health and Human Services contact you directly. You should hear from that office soon. In the meantime, please call Denise Riley in my office, 803-734-6419, with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Mark Sanford in black ink.

Mark Sanford

MS/dr

cc: The Honorable Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services



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Health & Human Services



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February 19, 2010

Mr. Mark Keniston
102 Strawberry Drive
Inman, South Carolina 29349

Dear Mr. Keniston:

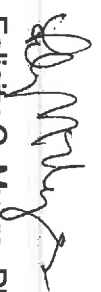
The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) thanks you for your inquiry dated January 25, 2010, regarding dental coverage through the Healthy Connections Medicaid program in South Carolina.

Each state establishes Medicaid policies and decides what services are available to beneficiaries within their state. Because of this, it is true that services covered in Florida may be different from what is available in South Carolina. Specifically, the South Carolina Medicaid Adult Dental program is limited to emergency services only and allows for only the removal of the tooth or teeth that are causing pain and/or infection. The state does not pay for dentures, partial dentures, relines and adjustments for adult beneficiaries.

Medicaid will cover removal of teeth causing pain as you described; however, the dentist would have to document the medical need to have the procedures performed in order for this to be paid by SCDHHS.

If you have further questions regarding the Adult Dental program at SCDHHS, please contact Ms. Shirley W. Carrington, Supervisor for the Dental Services program at (803) 898-2563.

Sincerely,


Felicity C. Myers, Ph.D.
Deputy Director

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