


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>12-20-10</i>
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1. LOC NUMBER <i>1011267</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Closed 1/4/11, letter attached</i> 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-4-11</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

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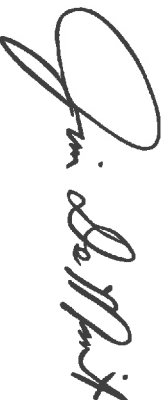
Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to refer a matter involving my constituent, Mr. Russell Reneau, and his concerns with the Medicaid program. Enclosed is a copy of his letter for your review.

I would greatly appreciate your responding directly to Mr. Reneau about this issue. I have informed Mr. Reneau that I would refer him to your agency in an effort to be helpful.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Jim DeMint
United States Senator

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12-9-10

Dear Mr. Senator,

This is Russell Remer and so I

wrote Sen. Lindsey Graham, we have a crisis here that affects us and others that needs to change fast. My wife Erlene has been diagnosed earlier this month, in the middle stage of Parkinson's. Just recently, we just got hit with more bad news, she has kidney failure. The worst part is, if it worsens next month, she will have to go on dialysis and as a result, she will lose what? Thanks to the current corrupt system here

We don't qualify for Medicaid or even a FRI card. Because according to their guidelines, we make too much money, yet we don't even make \$12,000 a year.

Yet, they give help to welfare mothers to keep having kids they can't afford to take care of, drunk, dead beats, dealers and others who have no interest in helping themselves. Yet, people like us and others get shut out, that needs to change. We don't have the money to pay for treatments and unless the state intervenes, she will die and her loved will be on their

and everyone else's hands come judgement day. Also, the loved of others who died because of incompetence on their part. Just yesterday, I read on The Free Press where people like us won't be getting \$250.00 a year to make up for not getting a COHA because because it would add more to the deficit. That is a disgrace and wrong

because y[']ll get your raise but yr. plus bonus and
tho yr. y[']ll get your bonus plus monthly allowance
to spend as you see fit. Yet, according to the Labor
Dept. there is no inflation, give me a break, on their
end there isn't, but as I wrote to them, I challenge them
to come down to our level for hrs and see how the
share fits. Why don't y[']ll die in your pockets, convert
members of every branch, The Pres. included and give
us help need the money and we can't have to look
up and give us a check? Y[']ll can afford it, look at
all the money y[']ll spend at election time on re-election
ads, print, media, etc. Don't give the checks to them
that don't need it and that never spent raising the debt
doesn't cut it. Washington being the way it is will
never balance the budget, they don't want to, there
is too many hands in the pie. I have said it before and
will say it again, to raise Medicare Medicaid, Social Security
money out of it and putting FICA's in it, cut off the
ones that don't need the checks and benefits, starting
with ex-presidents, their spouses and work claim, retired
military, politicians and their spouses. Cut off those who
don't need the checks and benefits, the rich and those that
don't even live in this country. Put that money back
where it is supposed to be and leave it alone. And
one including myself who gets Medicare, EBT
welfare should have to take a random drug
screening test, No Exceptions. I would be near

then glad to take one, I have nothing to hide.
Failure to comply, you lose all benefits and
about over, Fails a test, go to counseling followed
by mandatory testing until completion. Failure
to comply, lose benefits and start over. Tough you
but most jobs require a drug screen any way
so lets put our tax dollars to work. Do we
a favor please and pass this around to your
other senators in S.C., we need all the help
and support we can get plus prayers. In case
we got turned down for Medicaid again I
am going to tell them to look up in The Bible
and read in the Book of English 13 vs 18-21.
and if they don't pay attention, it will come
back on them, I suggest you look it up
yourself also Psalm 118 vs 8-9.

In His Name & Service

Russell & Elaine Corns

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Emma Fortner • Director
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January 4, 2011

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Reneau
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Reneau:

United States Senator Jim DeMint's office contacted our agency on your behalf regarding Medicaid eligibility and your healthcare needs.

Your Medicaid application for the *Aged, Blind or Disabled* program was denied because your combined income is more than the allowed limit of \$1,215 for a couple. Income is based on gross earnings and does not allow deductions for taxes, utilities, car payments or other living expenses. You requested to appeal this decision in March 2010 and our Division of Appeals and Hearings dismissed the appeal on April 26, 2010 because they did not receive information from you stating the error that was made regarding your denial. If your situation changes, you may reapply for Medicaid benefits at anytime. You may reach the Chesterfield Medicaid office at (843) 623-5226.

You may wish to inquire about the new "Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan" overseen by the US Department of Health and Human Services. To find out more about this plan or to apply for its coverage, please call 1-866-717-5826.

At the state level, the South Carolina Department of Insurance offers health insurance coverage to residents with pre-existing medical conditions who are considered "high risk" through the *SC Health Insurance Pool*. To find out more about the insurance pool coverage and rates, please call Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC at 1-800-868-2500, Ext. 46401.

An alternate health insurance option called *Augeo Benefits* offers a variety of health insurance plans from top-rated insurance carriers at *affordable* rates. These plans include major medical, basic medical, critical illness, dental, accidental and term life insurance. Some plans are available regardless of pre-existing conditions. To inquire about their insurance premium rates, please call 1-866-273-5613.

Enclosed is information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare services, prescriptions and daily living needs. If you have questions about the Medicaid program, please call Jennifer Lynch in Constituent Services at (803) 898-3965.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alicia Jacobs'.

Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

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Enclosures