

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Floyd</i>	DATE <i>4-21-08</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000545</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>4-28-08</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cc: Jacobs</i> <i>Cleared 5/2/08 letter</i> <i>attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

J. Roland Smith

District No. 84 - Aiken County
183 Edgar Street
Warrenville, SC 29851

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April 17, 2008

519-B Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29211
Tel. (803) 734-3114

Emma Forkner, Executive Director
SC Dept. of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

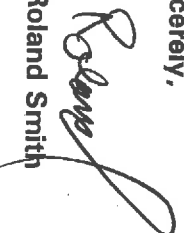
Dear Director Forkner:

I am writing on behalf of Rachel Sweeney, (253-69-1776), a single mother with an eighteen month old daughter, who works full-time and attends Aiken Technical College two days a week. Her grandmother, Ms. Patsy Bell, contacted my office about her situation and her phone number is (803)-593-2200.

Rachel is trying to get her life back on track, but she desperately needs assistance. In the recent tornado that came through our area in Aiken County, including Bath, Clearwater, and the Pine Log section, a tree fell on her home and she had to move out and rent an apartment.

Rachel has applied for tuition assistance through grants and this letter is to ask for any assistance she may be eligible to receive through your agency.

Sincerely,


J. Roland Smith

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cc: Rachel Sweeney, c/o Pete & Patsy Bell, 541 Corley Drive, N. Augusta, SC 29841

Pete and Patsy Bell
541 Corley Drive
North Augusta, S. C. 29841

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Department of Health & Human Services
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April 8, 2008

Repr. Roland Smith
183 Edgar Street
Warrenville, S. C. 29851

Re. Rachel Sweeney
SS 253 69 1776

Dear Repr. Smith:

Recently I discussed with you my granddaughter, Rachel Sweeney, who is a single mother, with an 18 month old daughter. Rachel is working full-time and going to Aiken Technical College two days a week, trying to get her life back on track, however, she desperately needs some assistance. She was renting a mobile home in the Clearwater area but was displaced by the recent tornado when a tree fell over the home. She is now living in a rented apartment with her daughter.

Rachel will be applying for grants soon when the next quarter starts after spring break. She needs assistance with tuition and books as well as anything else which may be available. Daycare is also a big problem as no one in the family can afford this.

Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Patsy Bell
(803) 593-2200



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Director

May 2, 2008

The Honorable J. Roland Smith
South Carolina House of Representatives
P O Box 11867
519-B Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Smith:

Thank you for referring Ms. Patsy Bell to our agency with her concerns regarding Medicaid eligibility for her granddaughter, Rachel Sweeney.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Sweeney and we were pleased to address her questions and concerns regarding the Medicaid program. We also provided Ms. Sweeney with information on other programs and organizations that may assist with her daily living expenses.

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, reading "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

May 2, 2008

Ms. Rachel Sweeney
11 Georgetown Court
North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

At the request of your grandmother, Patsy Bell, Representative Roland Smith asked our agency to assist with your questions and concerns regarding Medicaid eligibility.

We are pleased to inform you that Evahnee Sweeney has been approved for Medicaid coverage effective February 1, 2008. Therefore, she will continue to receive Medicaid without any break in coverage.

You currently receive Medicaid coverage under the Family Planning program. However, our Aiken County office is reviewing your case to determine eligibility under the Low Income Families (LIF) program. We cannot make an eligibility determination until we receive the *Medical Support Referral Form 2700 (enclosed)*. We mailed you a letter requesting this important information and once we receive it we will make a decision and notify you. Please call Ms. Ann Jackson at (803) 642-7512 if you have questions regarding the requested documentation.

We have enclosed information on programs that may help with daily living expenses. You may also wish to contact the Aiken County Department of Social Services at (803) 642-3603 for information about daycare services and the Financial Aid Office of Aiken Technical College at (800) 246-6198 for help with educational expenses. If you have other questions regarding Medicaid, please contact Ms. Sheila Chavis at (803) 898-2707 or 1-(888) 549-0820 Ext. 2707.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Floyd
Deputy Director

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Enclosures

Medicaid Eligibility and Beneficiary Services
P.O. Box 8206 • Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206
Phone (803) 898-2502 • Fax (803) 255-8235



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Emma Forkner
Director

May 2, 2008

Ms. Patsy Bell
541 Corley Drive
North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

Dear Ms. Bell:

Representative Roland Smith asked our agency to respond to your letter concerning Medicaid benefits for your granddaughter, Rachel Sweeney.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Sweeney and we were pleased to address her questions regarding the Medicaid program. We also provided her with information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their daily living expenses.

If you have additional questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Sheila Chavis at (803) 898-2707 or 1-888-549-0820. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Raymond J. Floyd".

Raymond J. Floyd
Deputy Director

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