

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Roberts/Hutto</i>	DATE <i>2/18/14</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000280</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Lynch, Cox</i> <i>Cleared 2/19/14, letter</i> <i>attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>2/14/14</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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

*Ref Log #204 is
the only*

Dear Director Keck:

Per my correspondence sent August 19, 2013, I am writing with an official request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding information concerning your agency budget request preparations. As stated in my previous letter, it has become apparent some members of the General Assembly use agencies for their own personal request, circumventing House Rule 5.3. This rule is an important tool in seeing that all budgetary requests are properly vetted. If members are circumventing this rule, it is not serving its intended purpose.

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I appreciate your leadership for our State and your cooperation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Paul Thurmond
Paul Thurmond

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*Last
letter*

Byron

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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc Lynch</i> <i>Cleared 1/24/14, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>12/30/2013</i>
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December 5, 2013

Director Anthony E. "Tony" Keck
Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Director Keck:

I am writing in response to your statement made to the Senate Budget-writing Panel that your department ended the 2012-13 fiscal year with a usable surplus of \$369 million.

My inquiry relates to the Medicaid funding surplus. Does this surplus go into a fund for future Medicaid funding or are these funds returned to the General Fund? If it goes into a fund, what is the current balance of the fund?

I appreciate the fact that you were able to cut cost and hope this is a trend that continues. I look forward to your response and working with you to continue a high level of stewardship with South Carolina's budgetary resources.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Paul Thurmond

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TK's Review*

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January 24, 2014

The Honorable Paul Thurmond
Senator, District NO. 41
P.O. Box 142
Gressette Senate Office Building
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Senator Thurmond,

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 2103 requesting additional information regarding the surplus available to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human (SCDHHS). SCDHHS ended State Fiscal Year 2013 with a surplus of \$369 million dollars. All the surplus funds were retained by SCDHHS as General Funds (\$231.9 million) and Earmarked Funds (\$136.4 million). The current balance in General Funds is \$231.9 million and our two Earmarked Funds is \$145.6 million. The majority of the additional funds generated in our earmarked accounts come from Medicaid Drug Rebate and Program Integrity recoupments. Previously, remaining fund balances from Medicaid Drug Rebate were used at the Department's discretion; however, going forward, we will consider these dollars as a regular source of funds.

We have worked with both the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees to establish a responsible level of Medicaid Reserves. Our target is 3% of our total appropriations which is approximately \$208 million. The Medicaid Reserve will help ensure we are able to navigate the uncertainty in enrollment arising for the Affordable Care Act.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at 803-898-2031.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth B. Hutto
Interim CFO, SCDHHS

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February 19, 2014

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Senator Paul Thurmond
PO Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Senator Thurmond:

The agency is in receipt of your FOIA request dated January 30, 2014, in which you requested the disclosure of any correspondence by legislators with the agency regarding encouragement or directing of funding. We are currently in the process of conducting an extensive search to determine if there are any responsive documents. If there are any responsive documents once the search is completed, I will forward the documents to you.

Thank you for your request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (803-898-0062).

Sincerely,

Constance Holloway

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Assistant General Counsel

CDH/lb

cc: Kim Cox

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A handwritten signature of Paul Thurmond in dark ink, written in a cursive style.
Paul Thurmond

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A handwritten signature that appears to be "Byron" is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval circle.

A handwritten signature or note that says "last letter" is written in a cursive style.

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Tony-

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We rec'd this letter today From
Sen. Thurmond - He refers to a letter
of Aug. 19th; however, we do not have a
record of receiving it - PIS review
his now FOIA Request - May I call to
~~acknowledge~~ ask for original copy of letter or do you
prefer I not ~~ask~~ ?? Please advise how
to handle - "Nature of this request -
makes me ask..."

Thanks, Jan



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