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July 18, 2006

**Developmental-  
Behavioral Pediatrics**

South Carolina Medicaid  
Attention: Robert Kerr  
P. O. Box 8206  
Columbia, SC 29202

In re: Faith Ann Hudson, DOB 1-7-04

Mr. Kerr,

Faith is a darling 2 ½ year-old little girl with a complicated medical and neurological history, including a perinatal intracranial hemorrhage with subsequent progression to seizures, cortical atrophy, craniosynostosis, microcephaly, cerebral palsy, and developmental delays. She also required G-tube placement as an infant due to inadequate caloric intake and prolonged feeding times, taking as long as 2 hours as an infant to empty a bottle. She has participated in multiple therapy sessions locally for development of oral feeding skills, though remains delayed in the steps necessary for independent eating.

Faith now has the opportunity to participate in an 8-week intensive oral-motor / feeding rehabilitation program at the Marcus Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. The program is modeled after the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and is not only one of the premier feeding rehabilitation opportunities for children but is also not available here in South Carolina.

The Marcus Institute has already extended an invitation to Faith and her family to participate, though this is contingent upon being able to submit requests for reimbursement to the South Carolina Medicaid program. I am aware of other Georgia specialty providers having been able to do so, such as the Psychiatry program at the Medical College of Georgia, and I am asking you to approve the use of Medicaid funds from our state to allow Faith this opportunity to learn to eat, as well as the opportunity to remove the gastrostomy tube, which is always a potential nidus of infection and even cause for surgical intervention if disrupted or unintentionally removed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding Faith, her medical and neurodevelopmental history, and / or the Marcus Center's feeding program. I thank you for considering offering this wonderful opportunity to Faith and her family, especially in allowing her to become more independent as she grows.

Cordially,

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August 3, 2006

Mark C. Clayton, M.D.  
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Greenville, South Carolina 29615

Dear Dr. Clayton:

Thank you for your letter requesting approval of Medicaid coverage for Faith Hudson to receive services at the Marcus Institute Feeding Program in Atlanta, Georgia.

Pursuant to South Carolina Medicaid policy, reimbursement for out-of-state services for eligible beneficiaries may be approved in the following situations:

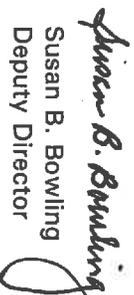
- Emergency medical services for beneficiaries traveling outside the state whose health would be endangered if necessary care were postponed until their return to South Carolina
- When it is certified that covered medically necessary services are not available within the state and the attending physician properly refers the beneficiary to an out-of-state provider who is willing to enroll with the South Carolina Medicaid program and accept Medicaid reimbursement as payment in full

Further details regarding the authorization process for out-of-state services can be found in the Medicaid Provider Manual available electronically at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov).

The Medical Director for the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Marion Burton, is currently reviewing this case to determine if the Evelyn Trammell Institute for Voice and Swallowing at the Medical University of South Carolina can meet this child's medical needs or if other treatment options should be explored.

Thank you again for your letter. You may contact Ms. Valeria Williams, Division Director for Physician Services, at (803) 898-2660 or Dr. Burton, Medical Director, at (803) 898-2500 if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Susan B. Bowling  
Deputy Director

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