

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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1. LOG NUMBER 000044	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleane 7/14/04, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-18-06</i>
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Department of Health & Human Services
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June 27, 2006

DHHS

Attn: Dr. Marion Brown
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29209

Re: George McElwee
Chart #: 13928

Dear Dr. Brown,

Mr. McElwee is along-standing diabetic who has already lost his left lower extremity to complication of that disease, and who is currently battling a combination of distal ulcerations and chronic lymphoedema of his remaining leg. He is ambulatory on a prosthesis and certainly limb salvage is an important goal to maintain his mobility.

I have recently performed a toe amputation, and in following along multiple ulcerations of his right leg it would therefore be fairly evident that he is going to have multiple visits in my office as well as the Wound Care clinic on a fairly long-term basis in an effort to maintain limb salvage.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (803) 256-2657.

Sincerely,

TJ Bunt, M.D.

TJB:lrj

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DIVISION OF GENERAL SURGERY
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July 14, 2006

T. J. Bunt, MD
USC School of Medicine
Department of Surgery
2 Richland Medical Park, Suite 402
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Re: George McElwhee

Dear Dr. Bunt:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support four (4) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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