

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

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| DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY | ACTION REQUESTED |
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| 1. LOG NUMBER 1001008 | I Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____ |
| 2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR cc: Stensland Cleared 7/13/11, letter attached. | I Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ IF FOIA DATE DUE 7-19-11 I Necessary Action |

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June 29, 2011

Ms. Brandy Putnam
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

Re: Covenant Towers Healthcare
Center
5001 Little River Road,
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
Our File #20111091J

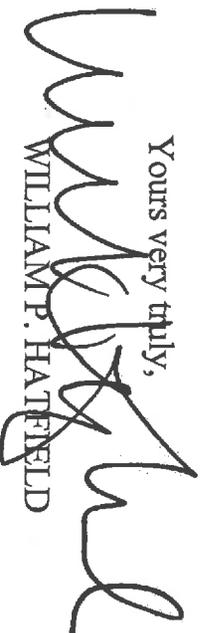
Dear Ms. Putnam:

Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting that you provide this office with copies of any and all Cost Reports related to Covenant Towers Healthcare Center, the home office and operator of the above identified facility. Furthermore, I would request that you also provide the Home Office Cost Reports, the management company Cost Reports and the realty company Cost Reports for any other entities associated with this facility. In your production, please provide the as filed Cost Reports submitted as well as the Desk Audit packages for same for any contact periods between January 1, 2010 and the present time.

I would appreciate it if you would respond to this request within the next twenty days. If the processing of this request will exceed \$50.00, please provide an explanation of all reasonable business costs associated with the copying and production of these items prior to processing. Thank you for your help and cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



WILLIAM P. HATFIELD

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cc: Ms. Helen M. Rulli

TO:
FROM:

SUBJECT: Cost of Processing FOIA Request #

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received and processed your FOIA request. The cost for processing this information is as follows:

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| Staff processing time at \$10.00 per hour | _____ Hours | \$ _____ |
| Pages copied at \$.10 per page | _____ Pages | \$ _____ |
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Please remit the above amount to the following address:

Bureau of Fiscal Affairs
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8297
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8297

Please contact _____ should you have any questions.

Signature _____

Date: _____



Anthony E. Keck, Director
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July 13, 2011

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Re: FOIA Request – Medicaid Cost Reports for Covenant Towers
Healthcare Center

Dear Mr. Hatfield:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act requests, this agency, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), administers the South Carolina Medicaid Program. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is the state licensing agency and the state survey agency for facilities participating in the Medicaid and other programs. After a check of the files in the relevant units of the agency, DHHS does not have a Medicaid contract with Covenant Towers Healthcare Center. Therefore, the agency has none of the information specified in your requests for information, including Cost Reports, regarding the Covenant Towers Healthcare Center.

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

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