

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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TO <i>Bailling</i>	DATE <i>8-24-06</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>600169</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc Singleton</i> <i>Cleared 9/20/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>9-4-06</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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August 9, 2006

MuMin AbdulRazzaaq  
SCDHHS  
Division of Preventive Care  
1801 Main Street Room 854  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear MuMin:

As you aware I contacted your office the first of August in regard to transporting school age children to and/or from school to their appointments as part of our Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Program. I informed you at that time that we had been advised by the Transport Police that the Goshen Vehicles that are available through State Fleet did not meet Jacob's Law standards as a school-bus. I stated to you that we would be unable to transport children when either a pick-up or drop-off at school was part of the trip unless we received a letter exempting the Title XIX Program.

School has started and we are now facing a dilemma. On August 9, 2006 I called Gene Parnell at the State Transport Police to ask him if the Goshen Vehicles met the standards as they apply to Jacob's Law. He informed me that they do not meet the criteria as written in the Law. For this reason we will no longer be able to transport school age clients to or from school or day care as part of their Medicaid Transportation. We can continue to provide transportation to and from their home.

If you have any questions or can provide any assistance with this issue, please contact me or Robert Gantt, Director of Transportation.

Sincerely,

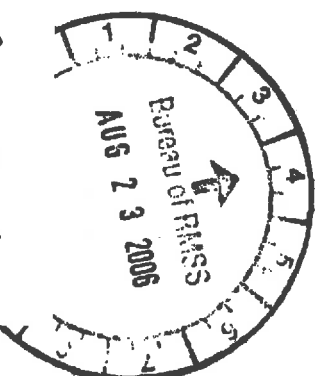
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Executive Director

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September 20, 2006

Ms. Deborah L. Bower  
Executive Director  
Senior Resources, Incorporated  
2817 Millwood Avenue  
Columbia, South Carolina 29205

Dear Ms. Bower:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is in receipt of your letter advising our agency that, due to Jacob's Law, Senior Resources will "no longer be able to transport school age clients to or from school or day care as part of their Medicaid transportation." Thank you for taking the time to meet with staff on September 6, 2006, to address this matter.

As discussed, SCDHHS is conducting a review of the impact, if any, that Jacob's Law has on the administration of Title XIX Non Emergency Medical Transportation. Our review is likely to include discussions with federal and state transportation officials as well as other sources of information. In addition, we are requesting an opinion from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office regarding the application of Jacob's Law to providers of Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation under the Title XIX program.

Until we are able to complete our review, we urge Senior Resources to explore every available alternative to transport school age clients to or from school or day care as part of their Medicaid transportation, when it is in the best interests of the Medicaid beneficiary to do so. If there is no feasible alternative, pending the outcome of our review, SCDHHS is only requiring that Medicaid beneficiaries be transported to and from providers for covered medical services.

SCDHHS appreciates the efforts or your community-based organization to maintain vital transportation services essential to Medicaid beneficiaries in Richland County. If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Ms. Shirley Carrington, Team Leader for Transportation at (803) 898-2655.

Sincerely,

*Susan B. Bowling*  
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Deputy Director

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