

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

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LINDSEY O. GRAHAM
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UNITED STATES SENATE

May 28, 2008

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Re: Stephen Myers

Dear Ms. Forkner:

Enclosed is a copy of additional correspondence I have received from the above named constituent. I believe you will find it self-explanatory.

Your reviewing this material and providing any assistance or information possible under the governing statutes and regulations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Graham", written over a horizontal line.

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Please refer to case (500269) in your response.

Please reply to: Senator Lindsey Graham
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Stephen D. Myers

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21 May 2008

Honorable Lindsey Graham

530 Johnnie Dods Blvd Suite 202

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Dear Senator Graham,

I want to thank you for taking the time to assist with this problem. I have attached the correspondence on this case. But, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) did not answer the main question. Was our house used to receive services provided by Medicaid? If so, why has the person not been charged?

I understand the privacy and rights associated with this personal information and personal health information. But, we as homeowners and taxpayers have rights also. I did not ask them to provide us with any information about the person in question. I want to know if our house was used to commit a crime – fraud. I have attached a copy of the Medicaid coverage information which clearly has our address on it. The person did not live at this address. Also, it is interesting that the Medicaid was approved effective 1 January 2008 and the person was not living in the state at that time. They returned on the 8th of January and moved back to Virginia on the 3rd of February, then moved back to South Carolina in April 2008.

I first reported this to the DHHS hotline in January 2008. Since then I have received the same answer. They can not release information about the person who the Medicaid was approved for. Again, I did not ask them to release information about her, but whether our house was used illegally. No one will provide us with an answer.

This is government bureaucracy at its worse. The state spent \$469 million on unwed mothers last year and I guess it just does not matter how much more this costs the taxpayers. I provided DHHS with information that a person used our address to obtain benefits and they do not live there, I provided them with a bank routing number and account number where funds are being deposited and the claimant has access to those funds. The claimant did not include this income in their application, but they are still receiving Medicaid benefits. I as a taxpayer am appalled that this is happening and that this welfare Mom and others like her get away with it. They know exactly how to work the system and the hard working people of South Carolina pay for it.

We would appreciate someone contacting the General Counsel, Deirda Singleton, per the attached letter. Ask them to review the case and provide an answer to the question. Was there intent of fraud or was fraud committed using our home? If so, what recourse do we as the homeowner have?

I am looking forward to their response. Thank you.

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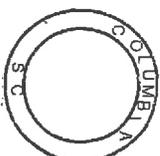
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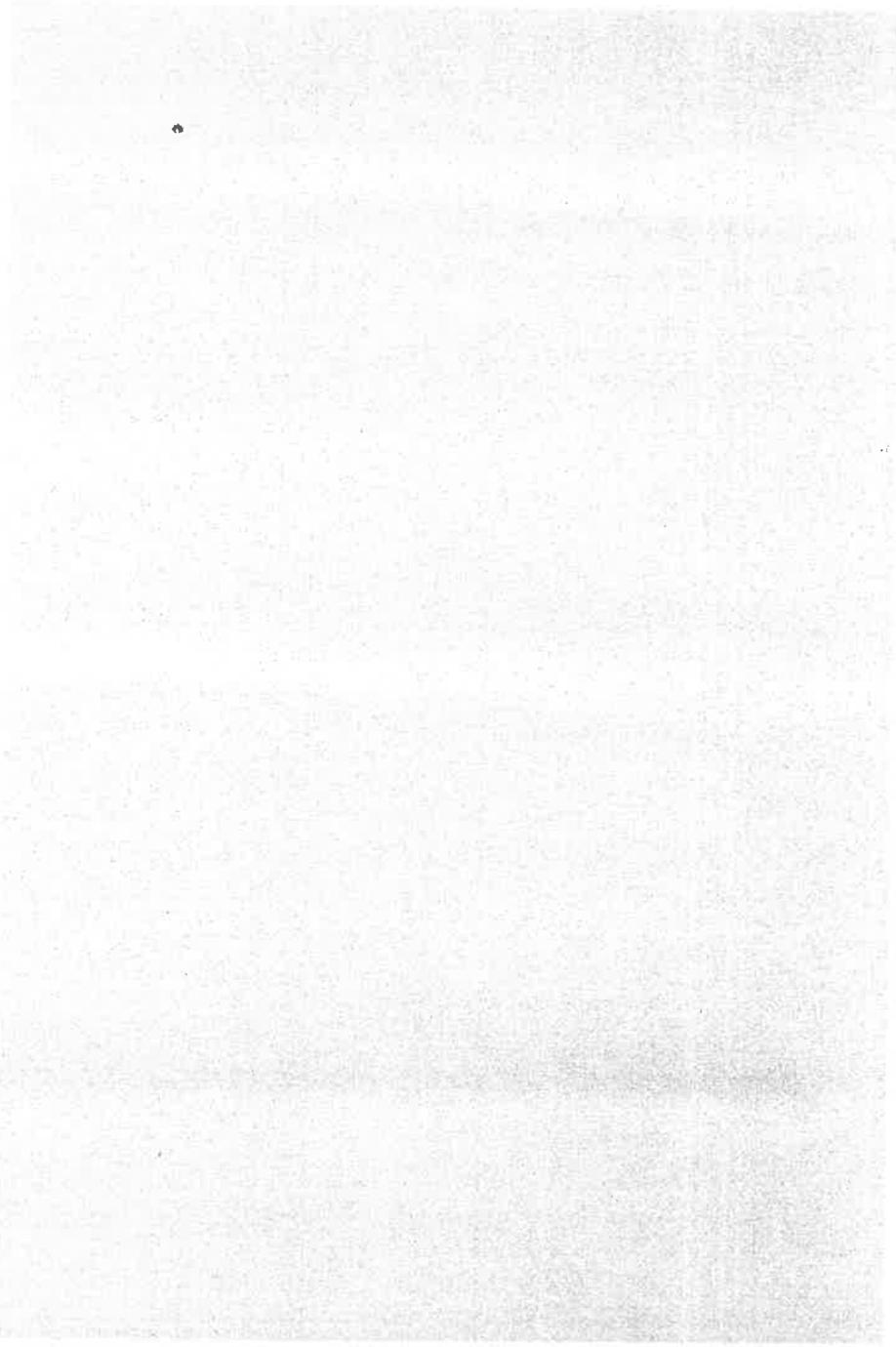
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State of South Carolina
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Mark Sanford
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Emma Forkner
Director

May 12, 2008

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
530 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, Suite 2002
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Re: Stephen Myers Inquiry
Case No: 500269

Dear Senator Graham:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Myers. We appreciate information that assists us in our stewardship of the South Carolina Medicaid Program, and I can assure you that every complaint is thoroughly investigated. If fraud is indicated, the matter is referred to our Attorney General's fraud control units. We also completely understand how unsatisfying it must be for those who take the time and interest to report suspected abuses not to be able to know the outcome of investigations.

However, as I am sure you are aware, personal information, especially personal health information is subject to federal and state rules on disclosure. Therefore, we believe the unit of the agency that performs the investigation cannot share the results with a complainant, who has no separate right to the information.

If there are questions or we can provide additional information, please contact Deirdra Singleton, our General Counsel.

Sincerely,

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Emma Forkner
Director

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

June 12, 2008

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
530 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, Suite 2002
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Re: Stephen Myers Inquiry
Case No: 500269

Dear Senator Graham:

Thank you for your follow-up letter on behalf of Mr. Myers. Again, we can assure you that every complaint is thoroughly investigated. If fraud is indicated, the matter is referred to our Attorney General's fraud control unit.

Based on the information from Mr. Myers, it does not appear that any Medicaid fraud has been committed, nor does it appear that Mr. Myers' home was used to commit Medicaid fraud. Should the facts not be as represented, our opinion could change.

If there are questions or we if can provide additional information, please contact Deirdra T. Singleton, our General Counsel at (803) 898-2647.

Sincerely,

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Emma Forkner
Director

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