

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1995

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FROM: Jennifer Klein *J.K.*

SUBJECT: Jim Long

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April 7, 1995

Mr. Jim Long
North Carolina Department of Insurance
P.O. Box 26387
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Dear Mr. Long:

Erskine Bowles shared with me your memorandum to the Senate Appropriations Committee and asked me to respond to your concerns about reductions in funding for North Carolina's Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). As you know, the Administration has had to make difficult budget decisions this year. Regretfully, this included a proposed rescission in ICA grants. As I am sure you also know, the Senate has restored funding for the program.

We do know of the tremendous contribution SHIIP has made in educating and counseling the elderly on health insurance. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Klein
Senior Policy Analyst

per email

cc: Erskine Bowles, Deputy Chief
of Staff for White House Operations
Carol H. Rasco, Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

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OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

To: KUEIN

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and forward to CHR by: _____

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(copy to CHR) by: 4/7

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FAX

Date 03/22/95**Number of pages including cover sheet** 2**TO:** Honorable Erskine Bowles

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Phone**Fax Phone** 202-456-6703**FROM:** Jim Long
N.C. Department of
Insurance
PO Box 26387
Raleigh, NC 27611**Phone** 919-733-7349**Fax Phone** 919-733-6495**CC:****REMARKS:** ☒ Urgent ☒ For your review ☐ Reply ASAP ☐ Please Comment

*Copy for
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TO: Senate Appropriations Committee

FROM: North Carolina's Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)

RE: Information, Counseling, and Assistance Grant Programs

DATE: March 21, 1995

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11-Apr-1995 12:49pm

TO: Jennifer L. Klein

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Economic and Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: Letter to No. Carolina Insurance Dept.

I'm returning your draft letter...I think you should just call the guy and say Erskine forwarded to you, asked that you respond and you wanted to make sure the guy knew Senate restored funding...that way it is not in writing from here that POTUS cut it...thanks.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

10-Apr-1995 09:15pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Christopher C. Jennings
Domestic Policy Council

CC: Jennifer L. Klein
CC: Jeremy D. Benami

SUBJECT: Governor Dean Medicaid Briefing Request

Carol:

Bob Rogan asked John Monahan if Governor Dean could get a more detailed briefing on the impact of block grants on States. He is also interested in knowing about possible alternatives as well -- although John says Bob understands that the Administration has taken no position on any specific approach.

John wanted to make certain that you and I were ok on such a briefing proceeding. I don't have any problem if you don't, but as you could tell today, we are far from coming up with an alternative Medicaid position. (Other than we do not support any approach that results in declines in coverage.)

On a related matter, Chafee's staff informs me off-the-record that almost all Republicans inside are talking about per capita and not aggregate caps. Although most oppose an entitlement, this certainly is protection against major problems vis a vis coverage loss. (And, as you know, even the Senate Majority Leader is reviewing options that would protect the entitlement for at least kids and pregnant women.)

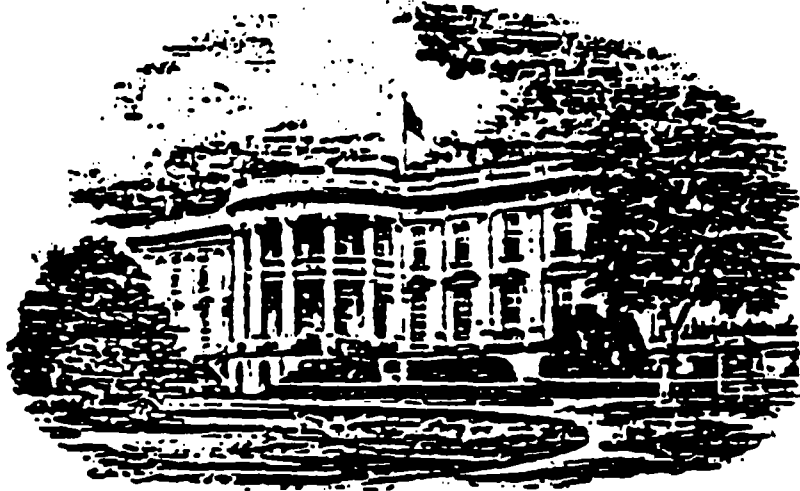
Any way, I wanted to get your comments re this and ask you how we should proceed with the Dean request. I think John has in mind an HHS briefing sans the White House, but would have no problem with our participation. What do you think?

CJ

DATE: _____
TIME: _____

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: ~~Donna Chan~~ Ira Burney

PHONE: () _____

FAX: () 690 - 8168

FROM: Jennifer Klein

PHONE: (202) 456- 2599

Ira -
Would you let me know
what's happening here?
I'm looking at this
for Carol Rasco (for
Erskine Bowles). Please
give me a call ASAP.

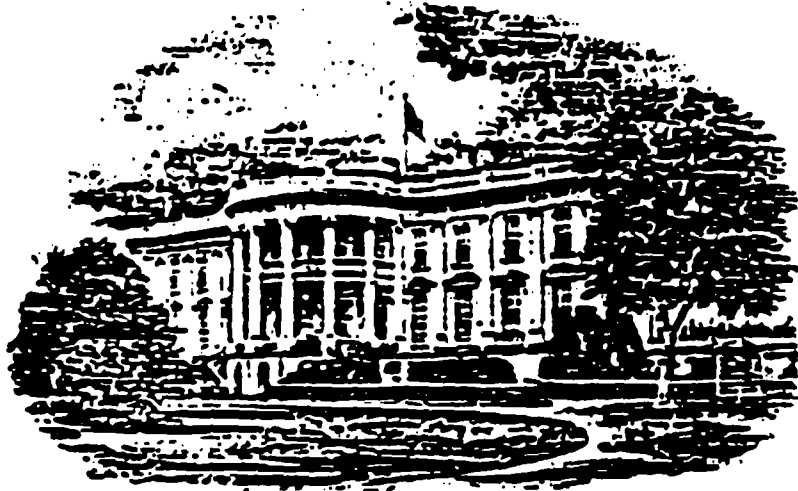
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TO: Nancy Ann Min

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FAX: () 5-7289

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some info about this?
Or tell me who can?

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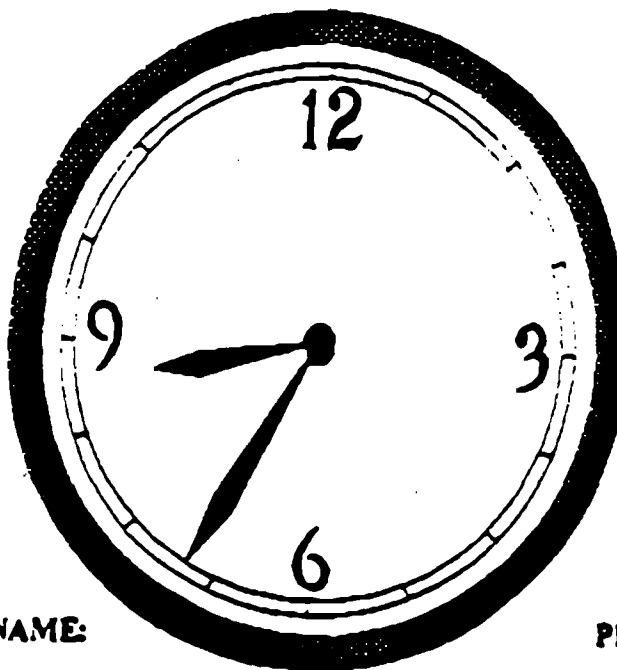
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IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER FAX!**ADDRESSEE'S NAME:****PHONE#**Jennifer Klein**FROM: (SENDER'S NAME)**Robert Levy**TOTAL PAGES: (WITHOUT COVER)**1**ADDRESSEE'S FAX#:****DATE:****REMARKS:**

Jennifer--

Please excuse my delay in response. A few issues came up that needed immediate attention.

The ICA program was authorized by Congress in 1990. Unfortunately, that authorization has not been renewed by the Congress and therefore is vulnerable to budget cuts.

The HCFA research budget is one of the few places where funding is not allocated according to "results," meaning that funding is not based upon products being distributed and distributed within a certain time frame. Since research "results" are not mandated by Congress, the research budget is often viewed as one which is ripe for reductions and unfortunately, in this case, was reduced.

HCFA does recognize the contribution of the ICA program and fully supports the program with staff time and support.

I hope this language is helpful. If you need more help, call me at (202) 690-8390.

Roberta Levy

FAX COVER SHEET



Health Division



Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
Washington, DC 20503

DATE: 4/4/95

TO: Tennifer Klein

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FAX NO. 6-2878

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FROM: Nancy-Ann Min, Associate Director
for Health and Personnel

Phone number (202) 395-5178

Fax number (202) 395-7289

Number of pages (including cover) 3

COMMENTS: Re: North Carolina
Issue

I've starred the items you
need rather than wasting
time writing a memo. Let
me know if you need more

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

29-Mar-1995 05:45pm

TO: Mark E. Miller

FROM: Wayne S. Amchin
Office of Mgmt and Budget, HD

SUBJECT: Rescissions & North Carolina effect for Nancy-Ann's staff

meeting on Thursday, March 30th.

* According to HCFA, the FY 1994 ICA grant to North Carolina totals \$249,972, rather than the \$246,383 amount cited in the North Carolina SHIIP note to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

* Without the rescission, HCFA projects that North Carolina would receive \$249,972 in FY 1995 as well. With the rescission, HCFA estimates that North Carolina would receive an ICA grant of \$92,488, i.e., the proposed rescission would reduce North Carolina ICA grants by \$157,484. Note that the full House and the Senate Appropriations Committee proposed rescission for the ICA program would reduce funding for the ICA to \$4.5 million rather than the \$5 million cited in the North Carolina SHIIP.

* North Carolina SHIIP's description of the ICA program is correct, i.e., it provides the states with funding to educate and counsel the public on health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap and long-term care. [Reductions to this program may affect information dissemination, but this is part of a larger question. We do not know how effective HCFA information dissemination is, including information disseminated through the ICA program. This is one of the issues that HCFA needs to address with the \$10 million for HCFA On-Line. If the ICA grants are doing the job, then why do we need HCFA On-Line. If we need HCFA On-Line, do we need the ICA grants? If HCFA On-Line ends up as a Spring review item, then performance measures for the state ICA grants should be folded into that discussion.]

[The North Carolina SHIIP memo indicates that it pays volunteer \$12 per hour. This is a micromanagement issue, but maybe the same services can be provided at \$10 an hour.]

For HCFA, the Senate Appropriations Committee recommends a rescission of \$21.2 million, all in research, compared to the House action of \$28.2 million, and the President's proposal of \$20 million.

With respect to HCFA, both the full House and the Senate Appropriations Committee would rescind \$11 million from basic research; \$5.5 million from Information Counseling and Assistance (ICA) grants; and \$1.7 million from New Rural Health Grants (this program would be terminated).

With respect to HCFA, there are two differences between the full House and the Senate Appropriations Committee:

1. The full House would rescind \$8.5 million from Rural Health Transition grants, whereas the Senate Appropriations Committee report language would not rescind any FY 1995 funds from this program.

2. The other House and Senate difference concerns EACH/RPCH. The Senate Appropriations Committee report language proposes to rescind \$3 million from EACH/RPCH and this would terminate the program. This is consistent with the HCFA congressional justification and our understanding in preparing the President's budget. The full House, as a result of Cong. Porter's Amendment, would only rescind \$1.5 million from EACH/RPCH, thus leaving the program intact.

Social Security Administration

The Senate Appropriations Committee proposes to rescind \$88.3 million from SSA LAE from the automation investment fund. The full House bill does not contain this rescission. I have alerted Jack Smalligan to the Senate proposal and he indicated that OMB may have a problem with this. The Senate report language is highly critical of the way in which SSA is managing information system acquisitions, including software development, design and implementation. This may be instructive for how the Senate will react to MTS and HCFA On-Line. Note that last year the Senate included report language expressing concern about MTS.