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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: **Licensed Midwives**

SUBJECT: Birthing Center Reimbursement Procedure Change

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is updating its reimbursement procedures for services provided in birthing centers. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) do not acknowledge birthing centers as a facility qualified to receive reimbursement. Therefore, effective immediately, all currently enrolled birthing centers will be disenrolled. SDHHS will no longer make payments to this type facility. Reimbursement for services provided at a birthing center will be made directly to the provider that performed the delivery.

Reimbursement will continue to be made to a midwife for a normal vaginal birth when a clean claim is submitted with the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code and modifier. To claim reimbursement for services provided at a birthing center submit a claim with CPT code 59409 and a TC modifier. Reimbursement for these services will not exceed 50% of the statewide average rate for a normal vaginal hospital delivery.

For a complete copy of these policy changes, please refer to the Physician, Laboratories and Other Medical Professionals Provider Manual. The most current version of the provider manual is maintained on the SCDHHS Web site at **www.scdhhs.gov.** If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your Program Manager at (803) 898-2660. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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