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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Contract Changes

I. Newborn Hospital Inpatient Claims

Effective October 1, 2009, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (SCDHHS) managed care contract was amended to require full MCO responsibility for all hospital claims associated with newborns delivered by mothers enrolled in MCOs on dates of delivery on or after October 1, 2009 regardless of hospital length of stay. This amendment removes the requirement of SCDHHS responsibility for newborn stays greater than 15 days.

II. Inclusion of Private Rehabilitative and Chiropractic Services

Also effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2009, SCDHHS will include Medicaid covered Private Rehabilitative Services (i.e., Speech, Physical and Occupational Therapy Services) along with Chiropractic Services in the Managed Care Organization (MCO) rates as a part of the MCO benefits package. After September 30, 2009, providers must contact the MCO for contractual arrangements and/or billing requirements before treating Medicaid members who are enrolled in a managed care program.

Information for contacting MCOs and be found on our website at: www.scdhhs.gov. Under Benefits Plan, click on Managed Care Health Plans (MC) for contact telephone numbers.

III. **Prior Authorization (PA) for Pharmacy and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

SCDHHS is requiring MCOs to honor any PAs for pharmacy and or DME services for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from the point of enrollment issued under the following circumstances: 1) if the beneficiary/member was moved or transferred from Medicaid fee for service to an MCO or 2) if the beneficiary/member was moved from one MCO to a new MCO.

Your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program is appreciated. Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this bulletin to the Managed Care staff at (803) 898-4614.

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