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TO: Hospice Providers

SUBJECT: Medicaid Hospice Client Summary Report

Each year licensed hospice agencies are required to complete the South Carolina Client Summary Report as part of their contractual agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). Hospice agencies will no longer be required to complete a hard copy of this report; rather, SCDHHS is working with The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care and OCS, Inc. to develop an on-line system to enter report data. All providers will be required to submit data via the on-line tool. The composition of this web-based system will allow providers to submit their agency data in a clearer and more time sensitive format.

OCS, Inc. and SCDHHS will offer on-line training opportunities for providers prior to the required February completion date. This training will orient all to the report tool with an update on the content changes for the 2007 data report. The training will last 90 minutes. Two sessions are scheduled and the information will be the same for each session. We strongly urge providers to take advantage of this training opportunity to ensure successful completion of the report instrument.

Providers are asked to register for one of the two sessions listed via the associated URL provided below. Details regarding connection to the web training session will be provided to each registered provider via e-mail by OCS, Inc. at the time of registration.

Thursday, January 17, 2008 1:00 p.m. Register at https://ocsys.webex.com/ocsys/j.php?ED=101535747&RG=1&UID=0

Thursday, January 24, 2008 1:00 p.m. Register at https://ocsys.webex.com/ocsys/j.php?ED=101535912&RG=1&UID=0

Registration may be completed upon receipt of this bulletin.

Should you experience difficulty logging on to the URL, please call Lyndon McFate at 206-569-3087 or e-mail **lynmcf@ocsys.com**.

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As in the past, the completed reports must be received by February 28, 2008. Provider reimbursement will be held until the completed report has been submitted if not entered before the due date.

Questions concerning this bulletin should be addressed to your Program Manager at (803) 898-2590. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

/s/

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