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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: Policy Statement - Outpatient Therapy Services**

As a reminder to all hospital providers, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will reimburse physical, occupational, and speech therapy services in an outpatient hospital only under the following conditions:

- The attending physician prescribes therapy in the plan of treatment during an inpatient hospital stay, and therapy continues on an outpatient basis until that plan of treatment is concluded.
- The attending physician prescribes therapy as a direct result of outpatient surgery.
- The attending physician prescribes therapy to avoid an inpatient hospital admission.

The patient's medical record must substantiate one of these conditions for receiving therapy at this facility. All claims are subject to review by the Department of Program Integrity at SCDHHS. This policy statement may be located in the Hospital Service Provider Manual at <http://www.scdhhs.gov>.

For questions or concerns regarding this bulletin, please contact the Division of Hospital Services at (803) 898-2665.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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