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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: **Therapeutic Foster Care Providers and Child Placing State Agencies**

SUBJECT: Changes to Treatment Rates for Therapeutic Foster Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) previously informed providers of Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) and child placing state agencies that DHHS would decrease the current per diem rate for TFC to reduce potential liability to the state.

The current per diem rates for Therapeutic Foster Care will continue until **July 31, 2009**. Effective with dates of service on and after **August 1, 2009,** the new reimbursement rates for all levels of TFC will be as follows:

Therapeutic Foster Care Level I	**$27.50/day**
Therapeutic Foster Care Level II	**$44.25/day**
Therapeutic Foster Care Level III	**$63.65/day**

In an effort to avoid any adverse impact on beneficiaries and providers, DHHS has received permanent revenue for the third and final year of the transition plan. State general funds in the amount of $13,000,000 have been appropriated by the General Assembly, with the understanding that these funds will be allocated and transferred to child placing state agencies within the first quarter of FY 2010 to offset the anticipated loss of federal funds for TFC services. Once these funds are permanently transferred to the state agencies there will be no more state funds forthcoming from DHHS for this purpose.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Sam Waldrep at (803) 898-2590. Thank you for your continued willingness to provide quality services to the children of South Carolina Medicaid Program.

/S/
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Director

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