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All Medicaid Providers

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TO: All Medicaid Providers

SUBJECT: Medicaid Eligibility and Service Updates

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), South Carolina Medicaid will receive an increased federal match for state expenditures. As a condition of receiving the increase, SCDHHS' eligibility standards, methodologies and procedures must be no more restrictive than they were on July 1, 2008. This means the agency will restore any changes it made to eligibility as a result of state budget cuts. The increase in federal match will also allow SCDHHS to restore several implemented or planned service reductions. Please review the following carefully:

I. Restoration of Eligibility

- Admission to HIV/AIDS Waiver is restored
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Option 3 is restored
- Age, Blind and Disabled income disregards are reinstated
- Slots in the Community Choices Waiver Program are restored
- Transitional Medical Assistance eligibility is restored to allow the additional 12 months of coverage
- PRTF Waiver will continue

II. Restoration of Implemented and Planned Services

- Nutritional supplements will continue
- Number of home delivered meals will NOT be reduced
- Construction of wheel chair ramps for CLTC beneficiaries will continue
- Hospice services will continue
- Home Health visits will NOT be reduced
- Adult dental services will continue

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- Adult routine physicals [one every two years] will continue
- Podiatry services will continue
- Adult vision services will continue
- Coverage of private Speech/Language, Occupational, and Physical Therapies will continue as usual. Further guidance will be issued at a later date.

Questions regarding this Medicaid Bulletin should be directed to your Program Manager. Thank you for your continued support of the Medicaid program.

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