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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: Announcement - All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Grouper (APR – DRG)**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will implement a new DRG Grouper for all inpatient hospital claims with discharges on or after October 1, 2011. APR-DRG version 28 will replace the current 3M grouper version 24 with crosswalk.

The South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) has invited SCDHHS to participate on their monthly teleconference to discuss the agency's move to the APR-DRG Grouper and answer your questions. The Teleconference is scheduled for April 14, 2011, from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. This will be the first of a series of provider educational events presented by SCDHHS. Information on future educational sessions will be provided during this call and will be posted on our website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov). The registration form for the teleconference is attached and should be returned to Carmen Goulet at SCHA: [cgoulet@scha.org](mailto:cgoulet@scha.org). Participation is limited to SC and border hospitals that treat SC Medicaid patients. Any handouts as well as the teleconference number will be sent to registered attendees the day before the teleconference.

Attached to this bulletin is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that addresses some of the more common questions. If you have additional questions, we ask that you send those to Diane Paschal, Director of Corporate Compliance at [dpaschal@scha.org](mailto:dpaschal@scha.org).

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid program.

/S/  
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