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TO: Physicians Indicated

SUBJECT: Allied Health Professionals Policy

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2010, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will transition its Psychiatric and Counseling Program from the Division of Physician Services to the Division of Family Services. The Division of Family Services will monitor and administer all policy and state regulations regarding Mental Health services. In accordance with this change and within the South Carolina State Plan, the SCDHHS will also begin enrolling Licensed Master Social Workers, Licensed Independent Social Workers, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Professional Counselors to administer mental health services and receive reimbursement directly from SCDHHS. Licensed Ph.D. Psychologists will continue to be enrolled as direct service providers and will be able to provide mental health services to children and adults. Supervising physicians that continue to maintain a relationship with an Allied Health Professional must recognize that this will also require a change in the way claims are billed. Prior authorization of all services will be required.

Providers that are eligible to render and bill for services directly will need to obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and enroll in the South Carolina Medicaid program. A second bulletin will be issued in February 2010 that will provide an opportunity to attend a pre-enrollment orientation on policy, referrals, prior authorizations, billing, and the requirements for enrollment. Enrollment applications will be available after the Division of Family Services has conducted a pre-enrollment training.

Providers are encouraged to share this bulletin with all Allied Health Professionals that may qualify to become a Medicaid provider. SCDHHS also encourages potential providers to enroll at www.scdhhs.gov to receive Medicaid Bulletins electronically. This will ensure that they are receiving the most current information on this policy and procedure change.

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If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Program Manager in Physician Services at (803) 898-2660 or Family Services at (803) 898-2565. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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