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TO: Providers Indicated

SUBJECT: Essure Policy Update

Effective for dates of services on or after June 1, 2010 the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will implement the following changes for the Essure sterilization procedure:

1. Prior Authorization (PA) will no longer be required.
2. The procedure will now be covered when performed in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting, or in a physician's office. Federal guidelines for sterilization procedures will remain a requirement which includes completing and submitting a sterilization consent form.
3. SCDHHS will no longer reimburse physicians an all inclusive rate.
4. The professional service for Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) code 58565 will be reimbursed at a maximum allowable fee of \$254.78.
5. The implantable device will be reimbursed using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code A4264 with a maximum allowable fee of \$1200.

Outpatient hospitals will continue to receive an all-inclusive rate for the Essure procedure, CPT procedure code 58565 of \$822.23. This rate represents payment for the device and supplies with an additional reimbursement allowed for the physician's services.

This bulletin affects fee-for-service policy and applies only to those beneficiaries in this service option. For the managed care policy on Essure, please contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under a fee-for-service arrangement.

For additional information on these policy updates, please refer to the Physicians, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals Manual, and the Hospital Services Provider Manual. The most current versions of the provider manuals are maintained on the SCDHHS website at www.scdhhs.gov. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin or any other Medicaid billing or policy questions, please contact your Program Representative in the Division of Physician Services at (803) 898-2660, or the Division of Hospital Services at (803) 898-2665. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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