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TO: Dental Providers

SUBJECT: Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization (CHIPRA) Act of 2009 and Insure Kids Now (IKN) Information

The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), Public Law 111-3, reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) under title XXI of the Social Security Act). CHIPRA includes provisions focused on improving access to care for children. The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is working closely with the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), administrator of the Insure Kids Now website, to implement the provisions of CHIPRA through projects associated with access to dental care.

One CHIPRA project is to establish a National provider data base with a "current and accurate list of all Medicaid enrolled dental providers within each State that provide dental services to children" enrolled in the Medicaid and CHIP State plan (or waiver). CMS has **mandated** that each state provide specific detailed provider information on this website to assist beneficiaries and providers in locating a dental office that meets the needs of the beneficiary (i.e. handicapped, languages other than English, transportation, dental specialties, etc.) Currently, SCDHHS does not capture all information required in the CMS mandate, therefore SCDHHS is utilizing an electronic survey tool to gather information from each individual dental provider.

In order to assure that South Carolina is in compliance with this Federal mandate, each dental provider enrolled with South Carolina Medicaid is **required** to complete and return the electronic survey by January 29, 2010.

To access the survey tool, please click on the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dentalprovidersurvey>

If you are unable to access the survey through the link above, you may also cut and paste the address into your URL for direct access to the survey website. The survey is user friendly and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. There are directions for completing the survey on this site.

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If you need further information or have questions, please contact your Dental Program Coordinator at (803) 898-2568. We appreciate your participation in the Medicaid Dental Program and your assistance in SCDHHS's compliance with this CHIPRA mandate.

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