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TO: Pediatric Sub-Specialist

SUBJECT: Clarification to Pediatric Sub-Specialist Program

This bulletin is to clarify Medicaid policy regarding pediatric sub-specialists. On February 1, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) assumed administrative responsibility for the Pediatric Sub-Specialist Program from the Children's Hospital Collaborative. Prior to the transition, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics had been approved by the Collaborative as a covered sub-specialty.

It has recently been determined that requests for enrollment from Developmental-Behavioral Pediatricians have not been consistently approved. Therefore, in an effort to address this inconsistency, the sub-specialty of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics has been added to the SCDHHS attestation form. All providers who submitted attestation statements for this sub-specialty in the past will be enrolled immediately. Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics will receive reimbursement for certain Evaluation and Management codes at 120% of the Medicare fee schedule, and 100% of Medicare for most other covered Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. Pediatric sub-specialist enhanced reimbursement rates will only be available to a physician who, in his/her practice, has at least 85% of their patients who are children eighteen (18) years or younger. The attached updated attestation form provides a complete list of sub-specialties that are currently covered. Enrollment is effective only upon receipt by SCDHHS of this form.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your program manager at (803) 898-2660. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

/s/

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Attachment

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