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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: Co-payments**

Beginning April 1, 2011, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will increase the amount of beneficiary co-payments. Additionally, persons age 19 and older who participate in home and community based waiver programs through Community Long Term Care or the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs will be asked to make a co-payment for some of their medical services.

A Medicaid beneficiary may not be denied services if they are unable to pay the co-payment at the time the service is rendered, however this does not relieve the beneficiary of the responsibility for the co-payment. It is the provider's responsibility to collect the co-payment from the beneficiary to receive full reimbursement for a service. SCDHHS will reduce provider payments for all claims where a co-payment was expected.

Listed below are the services that require a co-payment and the new amount.

	Old	New
Doctor office visits (Physician, Nurse Practitioner)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.30
Medical equipment and supplies	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.40
Chiropractor	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.15
Home Health	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.30
Clinic visits (Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health Center, Ambulatory Surgical Center)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.30
Prescription Drugs (per prescription)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.40
Inpatient Hospital	\$ 25.00	No change
Outpatient Hospital (other than emergency room)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.40
Optometrist	\$1.00	\$1.15
Podiatrist	\$1.00	\$1.15
Dental	\$3.00	\$3.40

**The following beneficiaries will continue to be excluded and do not have to make a co-payment:**

- Children under 19 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Institutionalized individuals (such as persons in a nursing facility or an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR))
- Individuals receiving emergency services in the Emergency Room
- Individuals receiving the Medicaid hospice benefit

- Members of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe are exempt from most co-payments. Tribal members are exempt when services are rendered by the Catawba Service Unit in Rock Hill, South Carolina and when referred to a specialist or other medical provider by the Catawba Service Unit.
- Members of a Medical Home Network
- Members of the Health Opportunity Account (HOA) program

**The following services are not subject to a co-payment:**

- Medical equipment and supplies provided by DHEC
- Orthodontic services provided by DHEC
- Family planning services
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) services
- Infusion Center services

For information about co-payments, members of Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MCO's) should contact their individual plan.

Contact your program representative for additional information. Thank you for your continued support of South Carolina Healthy Connections and for the services you provide to enrolled beneficiaries.

/S/  
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