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# MEDICAID BULLETIN

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**TO: Physicians and Hospitals**

**SUBJECT: Essure Sterilization and Prior Authorization Procedure**

Effective with dates of service on or after May 1, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will reimburse for the Essure sterilization procedure only when certain criteria are met. This procedure will be available to women who have risk factors that prevent a doctor from performing a safe and effective laparoscopic tubal ligation. Reimbursement for Essure will be provided for any of the following six criteria:

- Morbid obesity (BMI of 45 or greater)
- Abdominal mesh that mechanically interferes with the Essure Sterilization procedure
- Permanent colostomy
- Multiple abdominal/pelvic surgeries with documented severe adhesions
- Artificial heart valve requiring continuous anticoagulation
- Any severe medical problems that would contraindicate laparoscopy because of anesthesia considerations. (In the request for prior approval the physician should attest to the fact that general anesthesia would pose a substantial threat to the beneficiaries life.)

Prior to the procedure, the attending physician is responsible for obtaining approval from DHHS's quality improvement organization, Carolina Center for Medical Excellence (CCME). All necessary documents, including the Request of Prior Approval form, should be sent to:

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence  
Attention: SC Medicaid Prior Approval Review  
246 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29210

If the criteria are met, written confirmation and an authorization number will be sent to the physician from CCME. The authorization number should be placed in field 23 of the CMS-1500 claim form. For additional instructions on obtaining prior approval, please refer to the 2005 Physician Manual located on our website:  
[www.dhhs.state.sc.us](http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us).

To bill for the Essure procedure on a CMS-1500 claim form, use CPT code 58565, which is a hysteroscopy sterilization procedure. The CPT code 58565 is an all-inclusive code reimbursing for the procedure and the device. Procedure code 58340 (hysterosalpingogram) and 74740 (radiological supervision and interpretation) should be billed as follow-up procedures ninety-days after the sterilization procedure. When billing for Family Planning Wavier (FPW) recipients a FP modifier must be billed with all FPW services. It will also be necessary to submit a completed Sterilization Consent form along with your claim.

Hospital outpatient surgical services are reimbursed with an all-inclusive surgical rate. The reimbursement represents payment for all procedures, supplies, and the implantable device. Hospital providers billing for the Essure procedure should follow policy and procedures outlined in the South Carolina Medicaid Hospital Services Provider Manual starting on page 2-50.

If you have any questions regarding 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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