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TO: All Medicaid Providers

SUBJECT: Changes to the Healthy Connections Kids (HCK) Program

Pending approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, effective October 1, 2010, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will transition the Healthy Connections Kids (HCK) Program to become a part of the existing State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Most of the 15,600 beneficiaries currently enrolled in HCK will be automatically enrolled into the Managed Care Plan currently providing their HCK coverage, while others may choose another health plan in their area.

Beneficiaries will be issued a new Healthy Connections ID card along with their respective Managed Care Plan ID card.

The following additional services will be available to these beneficiaries effective October 1, 2010:

- Audiological Services (related to hearing)
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Family Planning services
- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Services when related to disabilities and special needs

Providers are reminded to check eligibility of all beneficiaries, as this change will enhance some of their covered benefits.

Your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program is appreciated. Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this bulletin to the Managed Care staff at (803) 898-4614.

/s/

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