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## PROVIDER NOTICE

**TO: All Medicaid Providers**

**SUBJECT: Healthy Connections Choices Expansion Information**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) wishes to ensure Medicaid providers are accurately informed of changes to the Medicaid program. The agency recently has become aware of erroneous information being circulated about the pending *Healthy Connections Choices* expansion. Please be aware of the following facts regarding this proposal:

- If approved, the expansion will only require certain categories of beneficiaries to choose between joining a Managed Care Organization (MCO) or the Medical Homes Network (MHN). Fee-For-Service reimbursement will remain a part of South Carolina Medicaid.
- Claims for MHN members will continue to be reimbursed as Fee-For-Service. Those members also receive additional care coordination services.
- More than 200,000 beneficiaries are not included in the *Healthy Connections Choices* expansion and may continue to participate in traditional Fee-For-Service if they choose, without care coordination. These beneficiaries include dual eligibles, those in waiver programs, disabled children, TEFRA children, foster children and those residing in a residential care facility or CLTC facility. Please note that these beneficiaries are not necessarily precluded from joining a plan, but it will not be required.

To learn more about the proposed *Healthy Connections Choices* expansion, feel free to join a public conference call hosted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on **Monday, August 23** from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Call Toll Free (877) 251-0301

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