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TO: Providers Indicated

SUBJECT: Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Contract Changes

I. Prior Authorization for Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Services

Effective on or after May 1, 2011, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will be including Medicaid covered inpatient Behavioral Health Services (DRGs 424-433 and 521-523) in a general acute care hospital as a part of the Managed Care Organization (MCO) covered responsibilities. Professional charges with the exception of those identified as psychiatric (CPT 90804-90899) are the responsibility of the MCOs. Providers are required to verify eligibility prior to admission; after April 30, 2011, providers must contact the applicable MCO for a prior authorization for any non-emergent admission.

II. Co-Payments

Beginning April 1, 2011, SCDHHS will increase the amount of adult beneficiary co-payments as reflected in the Medicaid Bulletin dated March 16, 2011. These co-payment changes will be factored into the MCO capitation rates effective May 1, 2011. MCOs will be contacting their contracted providers to clarify whether or not their providers will be responsible for collecting co-payments from the adult Medicaid MCO member. Pregnant women are not required to pay a co-payment. 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.

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.

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