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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Contract Changes for Vision Services

Inclusion of Vision Services

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2010, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will include Medicaid covered Vision Services in the Managed Care Organization (MCO) rates as a part of the MCO benefits package. **This includes adding services previously excluded for Ophthalmologists and adding all services provided by Optometrists.** For a more detailed explanation of covered services, refer to the SCDHHS Physician Manual, Section 2, pages 134-146. Vision Services outside the MCO benefits package continue to include frames, contacts and dispensing fees, are the only codes covered under fee for service in accordance with policy guidelines. Providers must contact the MCO for contractual arrangements and/or billing requirements before treating Medicaid beneficiaries who are enrolled in a managed care program after March 31, 2010.

Information for contacting MCOs can be found on our website at: www.scdhhs.gov. Under Benefits Plan, click on Managed Care Health Plans (MC) for contact telephone numbers.

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

/S/
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