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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO:           Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT:   Medical Homes Network Referrals to Private Therapy Providers**

Effective November 1, 2010, the Medical Homes Network (MHNs) will require its Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) to make all referrals to Private Rehabilitative Therapy Providers. Rehabilitative Therapy services include physical, occupational and speech language therapy.

All documentation sent to PCPs from Private Rehabilitative Therapy Providers must be provided with specific goals, interventions, and modalities to assist the beneficiaries in reaching established goals. Therapies will be continued based on progress. Once goals have been achieved, no additional therapy services should be prescribed. Re-evaluations are required for all new diagnoses.

For beneficiaries who are not enrolled in a MHN and who are in fee-for-service Medicaid, the process for referrals remains the same as described in Section 2 of the Medicaid Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services Manual. For beneficiaries enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO), the providers must contact the specific MCO for information and instructions on service authorization and billing.

Private Rehabilitative Therapy providers, who are contracted through the schools to provide School-Based Services do not require referrals from PCPs and should continue to receive referrals as stated in the Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services Manual. In these cases, referral means that the physician or other Licensed Professional of the Healing Arts has asked another qualified health care provider to recommend, evaluate, perform therapy treatment, or other clinical activities to the beneficiaries being referred.

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

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