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TO: Children's Behavioral Health Services Providers

SUBJECT: Policy Revisions to the Medicaid Manual for Children's Behavioral Health Services (CBHS)

This bulletin transmits a change in policy regarding residential services (High and Moderate Management Therapeutic Behavioral Services, Supervised Independent Living and Sexual Offender Treatment Services) **effective June 1, 2007**.

Medicaid reimbursement is limited to the existing number of licensed beds at current levels of care for each facility. Medicaid reimbursement will not be provided for a new facility, an expansion or any modification that results in a higher level of care. The policy on enrollment procedures for residential services has been revised and will be reflected in the June 1 revision to Section 2 of the Children's Behavioral Health Services provider manual.

1. Under the heading, *Requirements for Participation in Residential Services and Enrollment Procedures*, the policy is revised to indicate that no new enrollments will be accepted for Medicaid participation.
2. Under the heading, *Program Expansion/Modification*, the policy is revised to indicate that expansions to existing facilities will not be allowed. In addition, modifications will not be allowed if those modifications require either a new Department of Social Services license and/or an increase in the amount of Medicaid reimbursement. For example, an existing provider could not modify a program by changing to a higher level of care. The provider could, however, modify a program by changing to a lower level of care.
3. Under the heading, *Exceptions*, all references to "expansion(s)" have been deleted and are replaced with "modification(s)."

Should you wish to request a printed replacement of Section 2, a printed copy of your entire provider manual, or a replacement compact disk, please call the South Carolina Medicaid Provider Outreach at (803) 264-9609. Charges for printed

manuals are based on actual costs of printing and mailing. The manual is also available on the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services web site, www.scdhhs.gov and click on "Provider Manuals" under the heading "Providers."

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to your program representative at (803) 898-2565. Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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