

PUBLIC NOTICE
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), pursuant to the requirement of 42 CFR 447.205 gives notice of the following action relating to Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals and nursing facilities.

With approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) by a submitted state plan amendment, effective for services provided on or after October 1, 2011, language limiting patient discharges from hospitals to nursing facility within a 50 mile radius only will be eliminated. The current 50 mile rule arbitrarily limits the delivery of the most clinically effective and cost efficient patient care. The department anticipates reducing the amount of dollars expended each year by reducing unnecessarily extended hospital stays.

Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human Services Office and at www.scdhhs.gov for public review. Additional information concerning this proposed action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be submitted to Comments@scdhhs.gov or by mail to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Hospitals, Dental, transportation and Medical Equipment Services, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M, September 7, 2011. Comments may be reviewed by the public at the same location, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.



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