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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Providers Indicated

SUBJECTS: Coverage of Rabies Vaccine and Immune Globulin

Effective with dates of service on or after September 1, 2009, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) will discontinue providing rabies vaccine and immune globulin to medical practices in South Carolina. To accommodate medical practices needing rabies vaccine for Medicaid eligible beneficiaries, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will begin coverage of the rabies vaccine **for post exposure prophylaxis**. The coverage will be provided either as a medical or a pharmacy benefit for both fee for service and managed care beneficiaries.

As a medical benefit, physicians would purchase the vaccine and immune globulin then bill Medicaid or the appropriate managed care plan for the vaccine, the immune globulin and related office services, using appropriate codes. Established billing codes for the vaccine and immune globulin are 90675 and 90676.

Should a medical practice prefer to obtain the vaccine and immune globulin for a specific Medicaid beneficiary from a pharmacy, the prescriber would transmit a prescription to the pharmacy. The pharmacy would fill the prescription, bill Medicaid for the vaccine and immune globulin using the appropriate national drug code (NDC), then provide the vaccine and immune globulin to the patient or the medical practice for administration. The physician would administer the vaccine and bill only for the administration and related services, not for the vaccine and immune globulin itself.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to the Division of Physician Services at (803) 898- 2660 or Division of Pharmacy and DME Services at (803) 898-2876. Questions related to managed care plan members should be directed to the Division of Managed Care at (803) 898-4614.

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