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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: State Eligibility Option for Family Planning Services**

Prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a 1115 Demonstration Waiver was required for states to provide family planning services to individuals otherwise ineligible for Medicaid coverage. States now have the option to submit a State Plan Amendment to offer eligibility for family planning coverage for individuals who do not qualify under other covered categories established by the state. State Plan coverage would mirror the waiver services except that it would be offered to all individuals of child bearing age, which includes men and women.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved for South Carolina to provide Family Planning Services to individuals under the state plan option. Services are now available to men and women with family income at or below 185% FPL and ineligible for any other category or program. Services will include a family planning yearly exam, birth control, permanent sterilization procedures (vasectomy and tubal ligation), lab tests and the first treatment for some Sexually Transmitted Infections. The agency may authorize coverage for any or all of the three calendar months preceding the month of application.

Contact your program representative for additional information. Thank you for your continued support of South Carolina Healthy Connections and for the services you provide to enrolled beneficiaries.

/S/  
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