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Medicaid Providers

## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: All Medicaid Providers**

**SUBJECT: Status of Medicaid Service Reductions**

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), South Carolina Medicaid will receive an increased federal match for state expenditures. This change requires SCDHHS to restore eligibility standards for certain Medicaid programs that had been altered in response to severe state budget reductions.

SCDHHS anticipates the increased funding through ARRA will allow the agency to restore some reductions to Medicaid services and withdraw several pending service reductions. SCDHHS is currently analyzing the impact of ARRA on the agency's budget to determine which of these services can be continued through SFY 09.

Some service reductions scheduled to take effect February 1, 2009 were put on a 30-day hold. Please continue to render those services as usual until you receive further guidance from the agency. [Click here to see a list of those pending reductions.](#)

We regret any confusion these delays may have caused you. The agency will share updates as soon as they become available. We appreciate your continued patience and service to those who rely on Medicaid.

Questions regarding this Medicaid Bulletin should be directed to your Program Manager. Thank you for your continued support of the Medicaid program.

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