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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: Policy Change and Rate Increase for Synagis® Injectable**

Effective for dates of service on or after October 15, 2009, and no later than March 31, 2010, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will allow up to five (5) doses of Synagis per season for infants born between 32 to 35 weeks gestation that do not have chronic lung disease but have one of these two American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) defined risk factors:

- Infant attends child care, or
- Siblings or other young children living in the household who are less than 5 years of age.

SCDHHS acknowledges the new AAP dosage limitation guidelines for Synagis and recommends that providers consider these guidelines, found at [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org), when developing their care plan for these infants. Prior approval by the SCDHHS Medical Director will be required for any dose over the limit of five or any dose administered after the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season.

The updated rates for Synagis® are at Average Wholesale Price (AWP) minus 18%. This rate will apply to all providers including Specialty Pharmacies. Providers will be paid for a 1-unit (50mg) dosage @ \$939.29. For 2 units (100mg) dosage payment will be \$1773.65. For multiples of 50mg dosages (150mg) or 3 units, DHHS will pay the 100mg price plus the 50mg price not to exceed 4 units.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin or any other Medicaid billing or policy questions, please contact your program representative at either the Division of Physician Services at (803) 898-2660, or Hospital Services at (803) 898-2665. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid program.

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