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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Transition of Vaccine Assurance for All Children (VAFAC) to Vaccine for Children (VFC)

Based on changes made to the Vaccine Assurance for All Children (VAFAC) program by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), all providers must re-enroll from VAFAC to Vaccine for Children (VFC) to avoid interruption of vaccine ordering capabilities. The information and forms to complete enrollment in the VFC program are posted on the SCDHEC website at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/immunization/vfc-enrollment.asp>.

Effective immediately, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is modifying the Medicaid policy for vaccine administration to match the (VFC) program. SCDHHS will continue to reimburse providers for the administration of the vaccine products that are available free of charge for South Carolina Medicaid covered children under 19 years of age through the new VFC program. All other policies relating to vaccine administration and billing procedures will remain the same.

This bulletin affects fee-for-service policy and applies to those beneficiaries enrolled in a Medical Homes Network (MHN) or in the fee-for-service option. For questions concerning Managed Care Organization (MCO) policy regarding billing for immunizations, please contact the appropriate MCO. MCOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

For additional information on this policy update, please refer to the Physicians, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals manual located on our website at www.scdhhs.gov. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Program Manager at (803) 898-2660. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

/s/
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