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TO: Pharmacy Providers

SUBJECT: Upcoming Informational Session for Pharmacy Providers on Average Acquisition Cost Program

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) plans to transition its pharmacy reimbursement methodology to include an average acquisition cost (AAC) component. The goal of this transition is to ensure that pharmacy reimbursement rates are responsive to drug pricing fluctuations in the South Carolina market.

To support the development and maintenance of AAC rates, some pharmacy providers will receive a survey asking them to submit copies of their pharmacy invoice records to SCDHHS beginning in September 2020. This survey will allow the agency to measure the drug acquisition costs incurred by Healthy Connections Medicaid pharmacy providers.

A pharmacy stakeholder information session to discuss the AAC survey process and project timeline will be held via webinar Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, at 3 p.m. Providers and stakeholders can [register for the webinar here](#).

SCDHHS has contracted with Mercer Government Health Consulting to establish and maintain the AAC program.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important survey and for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.