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MEDICAID ALERT

TO: Nursing Facility Providers

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Testing

In response to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is announcing additional testing resources available to healthcare personnel within South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid-enrolled nursing facilities beginning Jan. 1, 2021. The testing resources will help offset the unexpected cost of COVID-19 testing for nursing facilities and are being made available through a partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina's Medical University Hospital Authority (MUHA).

Through this partnership and consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, the Medicaid portion of the cost of COVID-19 testing will be covered. This includes specimen collection, transport to laboratory and production of results with a turnaround for test results of less than 48 hours. To ensure consistent participation, Healthy Connections Medicaid-enrolled providers are required to participate in this program as a condition of reimbursement. The tests available to nursing facilities described in this alert may be conducted for full-time equivalent healthcare personnel within Healthy Connections Medicaid-enrolled nursing facilities. Nursing facilities that are provisionally enrolled in Healthy Connections Medicaid are not eligible to participate in this program.

Healthy Connections Medicaid-enrolled nursing facilities should contact Precision Molecular Solutions LLC, who has contracted with MUHA, at (800) 290-8507 or c/o sc-snfsupport@precisiongenetics.com with questions regarding the number of tests available per facility and additional guidance related to this partnership.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.