

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Item for Committee Advisement**

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SUBJECT: Amendments to the following 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waivers operated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, and Medically Complex Children.

OBJECTIVE: In an effort to standardize case management, the agency is moving towards using similar rules and reimbursement for different types of case management. Reimbursing case management in 15 minute increments is the model that will be used to meet this objective. This model will apply to the Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, and Medically Complex Children's Waivers.

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) mandated the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to review all Targeted Case Management (TCM) systems to improve accountability in Case Management. Due to this Federal mandate, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services staff did an extensive review of existing Targeted Case Management systems to explore ways to ensure that case managers were being paid fairly, while still being held to a strong standard of quality. After numerous meetings, the decision was made to develop a standardized 15 minute billing unit for case management services. This new model must be used by all contract and independent case managers. Case Management services have always been a vital part of the Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, and Medically Complex Children's waivers and this vital service will continue. However, instead of monthly reimbursement, as currently provided, this service will be billed in 15 minute increments.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: The estimated impact for the Community Choices and HIV/AIDS waivers is an additional 1.2 million dollars, and the estimated impact for the Medically Complex Children's waiver is \$400,000.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Continued quality case management services and potential pay increase for case management providers

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED: Waiver participants and providers of case management services are the external groups affected. Waiver participants will continue to receive case management services, and the goal is to enhance the quality of this service. Providers of case management services have the responsibility to continue providing quality services, and there is the potential for an increase in their payments.

RECOMMENDATION: Submit to CMS the necessary case management amendments for the three (3) waivers operated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, and Medically Complex children.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The targeted date for CMS approval is November 1, 2013.