

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

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SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Limited Benefit Category

OBJECTIVE: Amend the State Plan to include coverage of Tuberculosis

BACKGROUND: SCDHHS proposes to implement a new program that offers Medicaid coverage to persons with latent tuberculosis (TB) infection or TB disease who are uninsured or underinsured and not eligible for regular Medicaid. The TB-Only program helps pay some medical costs for the care of TB infection or TB disease. This program will be administered through the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

TB-ONLY services will cover services directly related to the care of TB. These include:

- Prescribed treatment medications;
- Physician services and services related to TB including outpatient hospital services, public health clinics, rural health clinic services, and federally qualified health center services;
- Laboratory and X-ray services (including those to confirm the presence of infection or disease);
- Case management services; and
- Services (other than room and board) designed to encourage completion of regimens of prescribed drugs by outpatients, including services to directly observe the intake of prescribed treatment medications.

This plan does not pay for hospital stays or room and board.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: DHEC will use state appropriated funds to leverage FFP to enhance the existing program. Estimated total annual state and federal cost \$4 million.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: That South Carolina citizen who meets the eligibility guidelines receives Medicaid coverage for TB disease.

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED: All Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of Tuberculosis

RECOMMENDATION: Amend our State Plan to add the Tuberculosis Limited Benefit Category.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective for service dates on or after October 1, 2014.