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### **Medicaid Agency to Hold Public Forums**

*Public asked to identify regulations that cause needless burdens on South Carolina businesses*

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will host three community forums across the state to seek input on any of the department's current or proposed regulations or any other current or proposed South Carolina statute, rule, regulation or policy implemented by SCDHHS that may unduly burden businesses or employers. The forums will be held in North Charleston on April 9, Spartanburg on April 10 and Florence on April 11. All members of the public including businesses, employees, professional associations, beneficiaries and any other affected persons or organizations are encouraged to attend.

These forums are in response to Governor Nikki Haley's Executive Order, 2013-02, to establish a Regulatory Review Task Force to reduce government involvement in businesses and encourage entrepreneurial activities and economic growth. As part of this review, SCDHHS will submit a report to the task force that identifies current and proposed statutes, rules, regulations and policies within the agency that are a burden on South Carolina's economy.

To attend any of these forums, please register online at [MedicaidLearning.com](http://MedicaidLearning.com). Simply enter your contact information and click on the desired meeting date listed under program specific on the workshop registration chart. Date and locations are:

April 9, 2013, 10 a.m.-noon  
North Charleston City Council Chambers  
2500 City Hall Lane  
North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

April 10, 2013, 10 a.m.-noon  
CC Woodson Recreation Center  
210 Bomar Avenue  
Spartanburg, SC 29306

April 11, 2013, 10 a.m.-noon  
Florence-Darlington Technical College  
Fred C. Fore Auditorium  
2715 West Lucas Street  
Florence, SC 19501

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In addition to the public hearings, SCDHHS will receive comments via mail, email and telephone until 5 p.m. on April 12, 2013. In order for comments to be considered by SCDHHS the following items must be included: name and/or company name; contact information; statute, rule, regulation or policy to which each comment applies; copy of or reference to the proposal if comment applies to a proposed statute, rule, regulation or policy; and suggestion(s) for alternative approach or language that will reduce or relieve the burden while still meeting the intent or goal of the statute, rule, regulation or policy.

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SCDHHS will not respond directly to comments received; however, all comments will be considered when making recommendations to the task force. SCDHHS reserves the right to publish comments.

Please direct any questions concerning this request to SCDHHS Office of Communications at 803-898-1062 or via electronic mail to [communications@scdhhs.gov](mailto:communications@scdhhs.gov).

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