

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice of the following actions regarding the Estate Recovery Program under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective on or after October 1, 2014, SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan definition of cost-effectiveness in regards to the Estate Recovery Program.

Currently, SCDHHS files claims against estates with assets valued at \$10,000 or more. SCDHHS would like to increase this amount to \$25,000 because it has been determined that Estates with assets totaling \$25,000 or less are not cost-effective to pursue after all priority expenses, such as funeral, attorney fees, etc., have been paid.

Another reason for this increase is to prevent hesitation of beneficiaries applying for Community Long Term Care (CLTC) Services. Increasing the amount to \$25,000 will result in a small decrease in recovery, but there will be no impact to the budget.

Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human Services Office and at www.scdhhs.gov for public review. Additional information regarding this action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the SCDHHS, TPL Services, Jefferson Square Building, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

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