

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

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**DATE:** July 16, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Residency

**OBJECTIVE:** To affirm state residency regulations for Medicaid eligibility and address interstate agreements and temporary absences.

**BACKGROUND:** States are required to provide Medicaid to eligible residents of the state. The definition of residency has been modified under federal regulations, including removal of language relating to residing in the state “permanently or for an indefinite period”, and replaced it with just the “intent to reside”. Through the State Plan Amendment process, the state is required to affirm compliance with the residency definition and to provide policies related to individuals in the state only to attend school as well as definitions of temporary absence.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** None

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:** Compliance with federal mandate and prevention of coverage for ineligible individuals with residency out of state.

**EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED:** Medicaid applicants and beneficiaries.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Amend State Plan with appropriate language and make necessary policy and procedure updates to ensure compliance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2013