South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Head and Spinal Cord Injury Medicaid Waiver Program  

DATE: January 17, 2013  

SUBJECT: Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) waiver program 5-year renewal  

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services proposes a summary of changes to the existing waiver to include the following substantive and technical changes:  

Substantive changes  

1. Addition of the following new service:  
   - Incontinence Supplies - To include diapers, briefs, incontinence pads, under pads, and wipes. HASCI waiver participants will be able to receive the same quantity of supplies through a combination of the state plan and waiver services as before.  

2. Removal of the following waiver services:  
   - Peer Guidance for Consumer-Directed Care – Waiver population has not requested assistance to direct their own care.  
   - Health Education for Consumer-Directed Care – Waiver population has not requested assistance to direct their own care.  
   - Supported Employment – Services are available through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.  

3. Revisions to quality assurance sections:  
   - As recommended by CMS, the state is adding additional quality assurance performance measures.  

Technical changes  

There are minor changes proposed for clarification purposes for the following waiver services. HASCI waiver participants will be able to continue receiving the same waiver services as before.  

- Attendant Care/Personal Assistance  
- Day Activity  
- Career Preparation  
- Respite Care  
- Environmental Modifications  
- Medicaid Waiver Nursing  
- Supplies, Equipment and Assistive Technology  
- Personal Emergency Response System  
- Private Vehicle Modifications  
- Psychological Services  

As part of the state’s waiver renewal process there will be a public meeting held to discuss the waiver program, required and proposed changes, and to receive public comment on January 31, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The public meeting will be video conferenced at the following locations:
SCDDSN Coastal Center
District II/HRM Office Bldg.
Training Room 2
9995 Jamison Road
Summerville, SC 29485
Contact: Sonia Gadsden (843) 821-5806

SCDDSN Whitten Center
Whitten Center Chapel Conference Room
28373 Hwy. 76 East
Clinton, SC 29325
Contact: Sonja Renwick (864) 983-3510

SCDDSN Pee Dee Center
Administration Bldg. Conference Room
714 North Cemetery Road
Florence, SC 29506
Contact: Phyllis Clark (843) 664-2618

Please note, written comments may be submitted, but must be received no later than February 14, 2013. They may be submitted to the SCDHHS website at comments@scdhhs.gov or by mail to the following address:

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