

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 Optometrist Services.

Effective for service dates on or after, January 31, 2011, SCDHHS will make the following change. SCDHHS will amend its state plan to move the optional coverage of Optometrist Services from Other Licensed practitioners to the mandatory coverage of Physician services. This change will allow physician services that an Optometrist is legally authorized to perform to be included in physician services under this plan, and allow Optometrists to be eligible for participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. These payments are available to encourage the adoption, implementation, or upgrade of certified EHR technology and use in a meaningful manner.

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 concerning this action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Physician Services, 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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