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TO: Providers Indicated

SUBJECT: Adding Developmental Pediatricians to the Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will be amending its autism spectrum disorder (ASD) manual to include additional providers that will be allowed to complete the comprehensive psychological assessment/testing report to determine if Medicaid beneficiaries meet medical necessity criteria for ASD services.

In addition to licensed psychologists and school psychologists certified by the South Carolina Department of Education to perform such evaluations and acting within the scope of their competency, developmental pediatricians will be added as an additional provider specialty able to complete the comprehensive psychological assessment/testing report.

If you have questions regarding the revised policy, please contact the Healthy Connections Office of Behavioral Health (803) 898-2565.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

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