

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), pursuant to the requirement of 42 CFR 447.205, gives notice of the following proposed action regarding Preventative Dental services for adults over the age of 21.

Effective on or after July 1, 2014, SCDHHS proposes to update the Adult Dental policy to allow Medicaid enrolled dentists to be reimbursed by the Healthy Connections Fee-for-Service program for services that include cleanings, fillings and extractions for adults over the age of 21. The preventative dental benefit includes a maximum benefit of \$750 per beneficiary per state fiscal year (July to June). Currently, adult dental services are limited to dental services required to support the treatment of trauma, transplants and oncology as well as emergency services.

This proposed change is expected to increase Healthy Connections Fee-for-Service expenditures by approximately \$35 million total dollars annually.

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 proposed action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to the Office of Health Services, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206. Comments may also be submitted to comments@scdhhs.gov. Written and e-mailed comments must be received by close of business June 4, 2014.

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