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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## **Public Notice of Final Action for Hospital-based Crisis Stabilization Services**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice of the following actions regarding rates for specialized behavioral health crisis stabilization services in hospital emergency departments under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective on or after Jan. 1, 2024, SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to establish the reimbursement methodology for behavioral health crisis stabilization services provided in hospital emergency settings separate from the hospital's general emergency department.

SCDHHS is making these changes to support access to behavioral health services, enhance the state's provider network and ensure services are delivered effectively.

Based on the actions above, SCDHHS projects a budget impact of approximately \$3.1 million total dollars per year.

Copies of this notice are available at each South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid county office and at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov) for public review. Additional information regarding these actions is available upon request at the address cited below.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Bureau of Policy, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29202, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Director

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