

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), pursuant to the requirements of Section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, gives notice of the following proposed actions regarding its methods and standards for setting payment rates for South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) nursing facilities, long term psychiatric hospitals, and psychiatric residential treatment facilities under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective for services provided on or after November 1, 2013, SCDHHS proposes to amend the South Carolina Title XIX reimbursement methodology for the SCDMH nursing facilities, long term psychiatric hospitals, and the psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) by updating the Medicaid reimbursement rates based upon the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 Medicaid cost reports and updated trend factors.

SCDHHS is proposing the above changes in order to determine Medicaid reimbursement rates based upon the most recent cost report data available and to provide reimbursement that closely approximates allowable Medicaid reimbursable costs.

As a result of the proposed actions described above, the following proposed weighted average rates are reflected below.

Provider Type	Nov. 1, 2013 Wtd. Avg. Rate	Oct. 1, 2012 Wtd. Avg. Rate	Incr./ (Decr.) in Rate	% Incr./ (Decr.) in Rate
Nursing Facility	\$278.62	\$248.20	\$30.42	12.26%
LT Psych. Hospital	\$945.68	\$894.62	\$51.06	5.71%
PRTF	\$758.93	\$621.35	\$137.58	18.13%

SCDHHS projects that based upon the proposed action, annual aggregate expenditures for SCDMH nursing facilities, psychiatric long term hospitals, and PRTFs will increase by approximately \$3,200,000 (total dollars).

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

Written comments may be sent to the Bureau of Reimbursement Methodology and Policy, 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 October 21, 2013.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the SCDHHS, Bureau of reimbursement Methodology and Policy, Room 1231, 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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