

## **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 action regarding Medicaid reimbursement for prescribed drugs.

Section 175 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) amended section 1860D-2(e)(2)(A) to include barbiturates “used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder” and benzodiazepines in Part D drug coverage for dual eligible individuals (Medicare/Medicaid.) The state plan amendment will become effective January 1, 2013 and only applies to coverage for dual eligible individuals.

Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human Services Office and at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://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, Pharmacy and Durable Medical Equipment 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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