

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 paying providers under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective on or after October 1, 2014, the SCDHHS proposes to amend the South Carolina (SC) Title XIX state plan as follows:

- (1) The agency proposes to increase the July 1, 2014 base rate component of the South Carolina Medicaid hospital specific per discharge rates by 2.50%. The Direct Medical Education and Indirect Medical Education rate components of the hospital specific per discharge rates will not be subject to the 2.50% increase. The 2.50% increase will also be applied to out of state border contracting hospitals who receive a hospital specific per discharge rate from the SC Medicaid Program. The statewide hospital per discharge rate and the free standing short term psychiatric hospital specific per discharge rates will remain at the November 1, 2012 payment level.
- (2) The agency proposes to increase the July 1, 2014 hospital specific outpatient multipliers by 2.50%. The Direct Medical Education component of the multiplier will not be subject to the 2.50% percent increase. The 2.50% increase will apply to SC general acute care hospitals and out of state border hospitals that qualify to receive a hospital specific outpatient multiplier. The statewide hospital specific outpatient multiplier of 93% will remain at the November 1, 2012 level. The statewide South Carolina Medicaid outpatient hospital fee schedule rates will not be impacted by this and thus will remain at their current level.
- (3) The agency proposes to update the swing bed and administrative day rates to reflect the current average adjusted nursing facility rates effective October 1, 2014.

The SCDHHS proposes to implement actions (1) and (2) in order to provide additional reimbursement to SC general acute care hospitals that provide inpatient and outpatient hospital services to South Carolina Medicaid fee for service individuals. The SCDHHS proposes to implement action (3) to reflect the change in the swing bed and administrative day rates based upon the October 1, 2014 nursing facility rate update.

The SCDHHS projects that based upon the proposed actions noted above, annual aggregate Medicaid fee for service inpatient and outpatient hospital expenditures will increase by approximately \$14.4 million (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 Division of Acute Care Reimbursements, 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 September 29, 2014.

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