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TO: Providers Indicated

SUBJECT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

Effective with dates of service on or after May 1, 2014, the following codes and billing procedures must be implemented in order to receive payment for the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) began coverage for SBIRT in 2011 to improve birth outcomes and the overall health of moms and babies. SCDHHS has partnered with stakeholders across the state to help identify and treat pregnant beneficiaries who may experience alcohol or other substance abuse dependencies, depression, tobacco smoking, or domestic violence. SBIRT services (screening and, when applicable, a brief intervention) are reimbursable in addition to an Evaluation and Management (E/M) code for pregnant women and/or those who are in their 12 month post-partum period.

SCDHHS will continue to use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes but will no longer require a modifier for reimbursement for these services. The previously used U1 modifier will no longer be covered as of May 1, 2014.

- Screening - H0002 reimburses at \$24.00 once per fiscal year.
- Brief Intervention – H0004 reimburses at \$48.00 twice per fiscal year.

Procedure	Code
Screening - Reimburses \$24.00	H0002
Brief Intervention – Reimburses \$48.00	H0004

For reporting purposes providers will be required to place an indicator in the 24H field of the CMS 1500 form. The selected indicators to be used are “S” to signify an SBIRT screen and “R” to indicate a referral for treatment. These changes in billing procedures apply for Medicaid members enrolled in both the Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) and Medicaid managed care program.

For questions regarding this policy or to schedule a SBIRT training, please contact Allison Lukacic at (803) 898-2128 or lukacic@scdhhs.gov. Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid Program.

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