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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Providers

SUBJECT: Reminder: Funding for One-time Direct Care Retention Payments

As announced in Medicaid Bulletin 22-023, SCDHHS is implementing a one-time supplemental payment under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for direct care service providers to incentivize staff retention. These payments will be available to providers who render services to Medicaid members who participate in the following waivers: Community Choices (CC), Community Supports (CS), Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI), HIV/AIDS (HIV), Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities (ID/RD), Mechanical Ventilator Dependent (VENT), Medically Complex Children (MCC) and Palmetto Coordinated System of Care for Children (PCSC).

To be considered for a payment, providers must complete a <u>One-Time Workforce Retention Payment Application</u> and submit it to <u>MedicaidWaiver@scdhhs.gov</u> by **Dec. 1, 2022.** SCDHHS will notify providers of their estimated payments once applications are processed. Payments are expected to be issued during the first week of January 2023.

Additional guidance on provider requirements for this one-time supplemental payment is available in Medicaid Bulletin 22-023.

Providers should direct any questions related to this bulletin to the Medicaid Waiver mailbox: MedicaidWaiver@scdhhs.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

/s/ Robert M. Kerr

