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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Physicians

SUBJECT: Physician Services Provider Manual Updates

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is announcing updates to several policies outlined in its [Physician Services Provider Manual](#). The policy changes described in this bulletin are effective for dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2025.

Genetic Testing for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

SCDHHS will require prior authorization for the SMA genetic testing procedure codes listed below.

Procedure Code	Code Description	Prior Authorization
81329	SMN1 gene analysis; dosage/deletion analysis, includes SMN2	Yes
81336	SMN1 gene analysis; full gene sequencing	Yes
81337	SMN1 gene analysis; known familial sequence variant	Yes

Circumcisions for Members Older than 28 Days of Age

SCDHHS will no longer require a prior authorization for medical justification of Current Procedural Terminology code 54161-circumcision, surgical excision other than clamp, device or dorsal slit, older than 28 days of age. Providers must maintain documentation justifying the medical necessity for the service in the patient's health record.

South Carolina's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) are responsible for the authorizations, coverage and reimbursement related to the services described in this bulletin for members enrolled in an MCO.

Providers should direct questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center (PSC). PSC representatives can be reached at (888) 289-0709 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Providers can also submit an online inquiry at <https://www.scdhhs.gov/providers/contact-provider-representative>.

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

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