

## **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 Anesthesiology reimbursement rates.

Effective for service dates on or after April 1, 2006 SCDHHS proposes to increase Anesthesiologist reimbursement rates for anesthesia services as outlined:

- The Anesthesiologist providing the medical direction/supervision of a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) will be reimbursed at 60 percent of the conversion factor
- CRNAs under the medical direction of an Anesthesiologist will continue to receive 50% of the conversion factor
- CRNAs under the medical direction of a surgeon will be reimbursed at 90 percent of the Anesthesiologist reimbursement rate

Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human services office for public review. Additional information concerning this proposed action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to the Department of Health and Human, Division Physician Services, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, SC 29202-8206.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Physician 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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