

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) of the Social Security Act, gives notice of the following action regarding its methods and standards for paying Medicaid providers under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). Effective on or after November 1, 2005, the SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX reimbursement methodology to align the Medicaid payment of Medicare Part C services provided to dually eligible individuals to the crossover payment methodologies currently employed by the SCDHHS for Medicare Part B services for non-hospital providers and for Medicare Part A and Part B services provided by hospital providers.

Medicaid crossover payments for dually eligible individuals receiving Medicare Part C non-hospital services will be limited to the difference, if any, between the State Plan amount and the amount paid by Medicare. Medicaid crossover payments for dually eligible individuals receiving Medicare Part C hospital services will be limited to the difference between the Medicaid claim payment less the amount paid by Medicare not to exceed the sum of the Medicare coinsurance and deductible. The Department of Health and Human Services is making this change in order to treat the payment of Medicare Part C services in the same manner as it currently treats Medicare Part B services for non-hospital providers and Medicare Part A and Part B services of hospital providers.

The Department of Health and Human Services projects that expenditures to the Medicaid program will be reduced by \$2,686,250.

Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human Services Office. Additional information concerning this action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of MMIS User Services, Room 1218, 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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Director

Department of Health and Human Services