

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

SPA - #11-015

TO <i>Singleton</i>	DATE <i>10-19-11</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>101168</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Heck, Deps, CMS file Williams, Saxon/Hutto Cleared 11/16/11, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>11-21-11</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
61 Forsyth Street SW, Suite 4T20
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



October 6, 2011

Mr. Anthony E. Keck, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Re: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #11-015

Dear Mr. Keck:

South Carolina submitted State Plan Amendment (SPA) #11-015 which was received by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 14, 2011. The State Plan Amendment was submitted to increase co-payments for services by \$1.00, with a proposed effective date of July 11, 2011.

We appreciate the informal information furnished to us in response to the submission of this SPA. However, before we can continue to process SPA #11-015 we need further information. We are requesting this additional/clarifying information under provisions of Section 1915(f)(2) of the Social Security Act. This has the effect of stopping the 90-day clock for CMS to take action on the material. A new 90-day clock will not begin until we receive your response to this request.

Public Notice

1. Please confirm the State gave advance notice, prior to July 11, 2011 regarding cost sharing increases for Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Midwives.
2. Is the State considering the revision of the effective date to accommodate the public notice for the omitted services?

In accordance with our guidelines to all State Medicaid Directors, dated January 2, 2001, we request that you provide a formal response to this request for additional information no later than 90-days from the date of this letter. If you do not provide us with a formal response by that date, we will conclude that the State has not established that the proposed SPA is consistent with all statutory and regulatory requirements and will initiate disapproval action on the amendment. We ask that you respond to this request for additional information via the Atlanta Regional Office SPA/Waiver mailbox at CMS SPA Waivers Atlanta_RO4. If you have any questions, please contact Tandra Hodges at 404-562-7409.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Glaze".

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations



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Anthony E. Keck, Director
Nikki R. Haley, Governor

November 16, 2011

Ms. Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – Region IV
61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 4T20
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8909

RE: Amended Request: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA),
Transmittal # SC 11-015

Dear Ms. Glaze:

This is in response to your request for additional/clarifying information regarding the above-referenced SPA. Please find the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (SCDHHS) responses to your requests below:

Public Notice

1. Please confirm the State gave advance notice, prior to July 11, 2011 regarding cost sharing increases for Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Midwives.

Response: SCDHHS published a notice on November 11, 2011, to clarify that "doctor's office visits" included services provided by nurse practitioners and licensed midwives.

2. Is the State considering the revision of the effective date to accommodate the public notice for the omitted services?

Response: After discussions with CMS, SCDHHS republished notice clarifying that the prior notice regarding cost sharing increases included nurse practitioners and licensed midwives. SCDHHS made sure to include in the text of the second notice that it had previously published notice on June 6, 2011. Therefore, SCDHHS has not revised the effective date.

Ms. Jackie Glaze
November 16, 2011
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We trust this response addresses all the issues raised in CMS' RAI. Please contact Deirdra T. Singleton at (803) 898-2647, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony E. Keck', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony E. Keck
Director

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Enclosure

JEFF STENSLAND SC STATE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
PO BOX 8206 ATTN: ACCTS PAYABLE
COLUMBIA SC 29202

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina
County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

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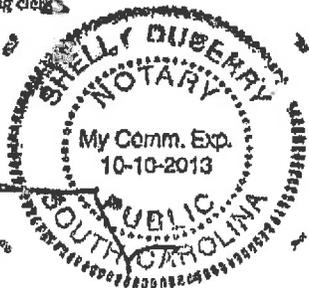
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November A.D. 2011

K. Edging
advertising clerk



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My commission expires

PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT
The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is pleased to announce that it has approved the following advertising services for publication in the July 2011 issue of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) Journal. The approved advertising services are: 1) 1/4 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,000.00; 2) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 3) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 4) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 5) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 6) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 7) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 8) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 9) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00; 10) 1/2 page advertisement for 10 weeks for \$1,500.00. Copies of this notice are available at each County Department of Health and Human Services office for public review. Additional information concerning this proposal is available upon request at the contact cited below. Written comments may be submitted to 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. Anthony C. Koehn, Director, Department of Health and Human Services, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 735-6429.