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From: Michael Jones
To: Jon Helder
CC: droberts@healthmanagement.com; Kevin Rogers; Margarete Keller
Date: 11/25/2008 8:50 AM
Subject: Re: SC Medicaid Data Request
Attachments: SC December 08 Eligibles.xls; Medicaid Eligibility Reporting Changes.doc

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Medicaid Eligibility Reporting Changes

In 2008, SC has changed the way we report "Medicaid Eligibles". We are now quantifying Medicaid Eligibles as all categories that are under the Federal Medicaid program. We also split out SCHIP eligibles and we report our state funded programs: Refugee and GAPS separately. We have also recently added a population that we were omitting in our reports, the Qualifying Individuals and SLMBs. You will see these listed as Payment Categories 48 and 52.

To compare the previous report and our new report, you will see the following changes:

- Family Planning (55) category was not included in the Regular Medicaid group last time.
- Our Emergency and Inmate beneficiaries were not included in the Regular Medicaid group last time.
- Both of these populations were under the Limited Benefits group last time.
- PCAT 99 (Healthy Connection Kids) is our new SCHIP stand alone program.
- PCAT 48 (OI) and 52 (SLMB) are now included in the Medicaid group.
- We also have changed our coverage groups, if you use those please let us know and we can explain these changes in more detail. Now all kids 0-18 are under Children and folks that are 65 and over are listed as Elderly. Ages 19-64 are broken into Disabled Adults and Other Adults based on their payment categories.

If you have any other questions regarding these report changes, please contact me at ionest@scdhhs.gov or 803-898-2987.

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SC Department of Health & Human Services
 Medicaid Eligibles as of December 2008

PAYMENT CATEGORY	ADULT				TOTAL	
	GROUP	0 - 18	19 - 64	65+		UNKNOWN
10 NURSING HOME	DA	3	1,718	10,460	0	12,181
11 TRANSITIONAL (TMA)	OA	19,666	13,361	2	0	33,029
12 OCWI INFANTS	OA	37,489	0	0	0	37,489
13 FOSTERCARE	OA	1,165	267	0	0	1,432
14 GENERAL HOSPITAL	DA	14	40	19	0	73
15 HOME&COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER	DA	198	3,898	4,058	0	8,154
16 PASS ALONG	DA	0	34	2	0	36
17 EARLY WIDOWS/WIDOWERS	DA	0	2	0	0	2
18 DISABLED WIDOWS/WIDOWERS	DA	0	1	0	0	1
19 DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN	DA	0	52	0	0	52
20 PASS ALONG CHILDREN	OA	16	4	0	0	20
31 TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE	OA	2,866	203	0	0	3,069
32 AGED, BLIND, DISABLED (ABD)	DA	107	27,649	24,227	0	51,983
33 ABD NURSING HOME	DA	3	298	751	0	1,052
40 WORKING DISABLED	DA	0	81	0	0	81
48 QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS (QI)	DA	0	2,866	4,298	0	7,164
50 QUAL.DISABLED WORKING INDIV.	DA	0	0	0	0	0
51 TITLE IV-E ADOPTION ASSISTANCE	OA	4,005	330	0	0	4,335
52 SLMB	DA	0	4,266	5,759	0	10,025
54 SSI NURSING HOME	DA	27	786	611	0	1,424
55 FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER	OA	2,415	47,362	0	0	49,777
57 TERRA/ KATIE BECKETT	OA	3,174	21	0	0	3,195
59 LOW INCOME FAMILIES	OA	84,869	52,430	16	0	137,315
60 REGULAR FOSTER CARE	OA	3,557	147	0	0	3,704
71 BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER	DA	0	895	13	0	908
80 SSI	DA	22,421	63,145	22,091	0	107,657
81 SSI WITH ESSENTIAL SPOUSE	DA	0	1	0	0	1
85 OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENT	DA	0	679	948	0	1,627
86 OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENT & SSI	DA	0	1,669	854	0	2,523
87 OCWI PREGNANT WOMEN	OA	1,973	21,627	0	0	23,600
88 PARTNERS FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN	OA	232,913	1,635	0	0	234,548
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OTHER ADULTS - OA		0	137,920	0	0	137,920
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