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September 14, 2011

Anthony E. Keck
Director

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Public Notice 11-016
Department of Health and Human Services

Dear Director Keck:

While the details pertaining to the proposed update of the Medicaid State Plan to allow enrollment and reimbursement to Freestanding Birthing Centers are not clear to me at this point, I would ask that SCDHHS remain totally committed to quality and safety issues related to the care of pregnant women. I am aware of several recent incidents in which lay midwives in our area have provided standard care in such facilities. I have also received reports that some of the lay midwives are not following DHEC regulations.

My OB/GYN Department remains committed to certified nurse midwives and the Birthing Center concept but only with the support and supervision of physicians and institutions which have the necessary training, expertise, and location to insure quality and safety for pregnant women, their unborn children and subsequent newborns.

As any policy pertaining to pregnant women is updated, I ask that careful attention be paid to the quality and safety needs of the pregnant woman and her newborn and that the Perinatal Care Guidelines of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Academy of Pediatrics be followed.

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Donald W. Wiper III, MD
Medical Director/Chairman

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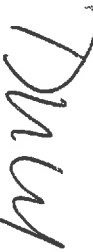
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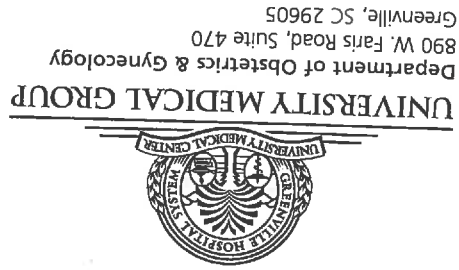
I and my Maternal-Fetal Medicine Faculty are committed to the care of pregnant women. We would welcome any opportunity to work with SC DHHS in the perinatal arena.

I look forward to meeting you and to your visit here later this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DW' or 'D.W.', written over the printed name.

Donald W. Wiper III, MD
Medical Director/Chairman
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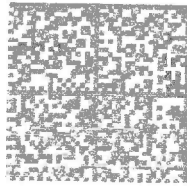
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Medical Director/Chairman
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Dear Dr. Wiper:


Thank you for your letter regarding coverage of Freestanding Birthing Centers and the quality of the services that are delivered in these facilities. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance and appreciate your concerns.

As you may be aware, the coverage of Freestanding Birthing Centers and Licensed Midwives are protected by state regulations. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has the statutory responsibility of licensing both the birthing center and the licensed midwife. The regulations can be found in South Carolina State Register Volume 17, Issue 7, Chapter 61. As a result of the Affordable Care Act, States have been given the option of covering these services, however because of our States regulation, this service has already been covered for many years. Our recent Public Notice brings our policy in line with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updates.

In an effort to ensure that recipients who receive services in this setting are being monitored appropriately, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) requires all providers (licensed midwives and certified nurse midwives) to work closely with a physician. The physician must assess the patient medical status at least twice during a pregnancy, write appropriate prescriptions for any medications that the midwife may administer at the time of delivery, and to evaluate and treat the patient in the event of a complication. Essentially, it is the agencies position that this service is utilized only in those situations that a physician has deemed appropriate.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention and for your continued participation in the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Program Manager in the Office of Physicians, Pharmacy, and Enhanced Care Services at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,


Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN
Deputy Director

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cc: Gwendolyn Thompson, Director SCDHEC

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