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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Durable Medical Equipment Providers, Managed Care Organizations

SUBJECT: Update to Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual

Effective Oct. 1, 2021, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will amend the definition of durable medical equipment (DME) found in the DME Provider Manual. This revision replaces the "suitable for use in *home*" language in the definition with "suitable for use in *any setting in which normal life activities take place.*" This new definition of DME is consistent with the language in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 42 CFR §440.70(b)(3).

Changes to the DME definition will be made in SCDHHS' <u>DME Provider Manual</u> on Oct. 1, 2021.

Providers should direct any questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center at (888) 289-0709. The Provider Service Center's hours of operations are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

/s/ Robert M. Kerr

