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Healthy Connections MEDICAID

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: Waiver Application for the Healthy Connections – Long Term Care Waiver

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice it intends to file a 1915(c) waiver application with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Healthy Connections – Long Term Care (HC-LTC) (SC.037) home and community-based services waiver.

The proposed effective date for the HC-LTC waiver is Jul. 1, 2027. The following is a summary of the proposed waiver:

- Consolidates the Community Choices, HIV/AIDS and Mechanical Ventilator Dependent waivers into a single, comprehensive waiver program.
- Creates a more flexible, equitable, and streamlined program that better supports individuals with complex needs statewide by integrating the strongest components of each waiver.
- Includes individuals who meet the nursing facility or hospital level of care and receive case management along with at least one waiver service. Eligible groups include adults age 65 and older, adults age 18–64 with physical disabilities (including those dependent on mechanical ventilation), and individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
- Further strengthens coordinated, whole-person care by integrating the consolidated waiver into managed care and enhances the ability of Medicaid Managed Care Plans to support participants across all care settings.

An amendment to the current 1915(b) South Carolina Healthy Connections Long Term Care waiver will be submitted to CMS concurrently.

Current CC, HIV, and VENT waiver participants will not be adversely impacted.

Communication

The intent to submit the HC-LTC waiver application was shared during the monthly Indian Health Service conference call Aug. 26, 2026. Proposed changes will also be presented Nov. 9 and Nov. 10, 2026, to the SCDHHS Beneficiary Advisory Committee and the SCDHHS Medicaid Advisory Committee.

Webinars: **Medicaid Advisory Committee**
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 10:00 am
Medicaid Advisory Council - November 2026 registration - Webex

A copy of this notice and the HC-LTC waiver application are available at the following locations:

1. Electronic access:

a. SCDHHS website, Public Notices and Waiver Management

2. Hard copies:
   a. SCDHHS Central Office Lobby: 1801 Main St., Columbia, SC, 29201
   b. SCDHHS Community Long Term Care (CLTC) Regional Offices:

Aiken CLTC
2361 S. Centennial Ave., Bldg. 2, Suite B
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Anderson CLTC
3215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Suite H
Anderson, South Carolina 29625

Charleston CLTC
4130 Faber Place Drive, Suite 303
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

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300 Arbor Lake Drive, Suite 900
Columbia, South Carolina 29223

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Conway, South Carolina 29527

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Florence, South Carolina 29506

Greenville CLTC
620 North Main St., Suite 301
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Greenwood CLTC
617 South Main St.
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646

Orangeburg CLTC
191 Regional Parkway
Building A
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29118

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Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936

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454 South Anderson Road, Suite 11
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

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Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Public Comments and Responses

If you have a question or comment, please send it to the following mail or email address prior to Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026:

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Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Bureau of Policy, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.