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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of Final Action for Anesthesia Services Rate Setting

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice of the following actions regarding reimbursement methodology for anesthesia services performed by anesthesiologists under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective on or after Oct. 1, 2023, SCDHHS will amend the South Carolina Title XIX State Plan to update the anesthesiologist's base rate reimbursement methodology for anesthesia services paid by units to 88% of the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.

The updated methodology for the anesthesiologists' base rate for anesthesia services will result in rate updates for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), although reimbursement methodology for CRNAs will remain unchanged.

The rate increase is being made to enhance the network of providers rendering services to members enrolled in the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

Based on the actions above SCDHHS anticipates a budget impact of approximately \$337,000 (total dollars) per year.

Copies of this notice are available at each South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid County office and at www.scdhhs.gov for public review. Additional information regarding these actions is available upon request at the address cited below.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Bureau of Policy, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Robert M. Kerr
Director

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