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To: Providers Indicated
Subject: Coverage of Bariatric Surgery

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will expand the bariatric surgery benefit to include coverage of sleeve gastrectomy. Coverage for bariatric surgery is limited to those members who demonstrate medical necessity based on InterQual® criteria, and prior authorization is required.

For information on submitting a prior authorization request for a fee-for-service Medicaid member, refer to <http://scdhhs.kepro.com>. For information on prior authorization requirements for Medicaid members enrolled in a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO), please contact the MCO directly.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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