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TO: OB/GYN, Primary Care, and Coordinated Care Plan Providers

SUBJECT: Update to Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Initiative

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) began the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) initiative in August 2011. In the Department's effort to improve birth outcomes and overall health of the Mom and Baby, we have partnered with other stakeholders throughout the state to help identify and treat pregnant beneficiaries who may experience alcohol or other substance dependencies, depression, smoking, or domestic violence.

SBIRT services (screening and, when applicable, a brief intervention) are reimbursable in addition to an office visit to pregnant women, or those who are within their 12-month postpartum period. Providers may bill for a screening once per fiscal year and a brief intervention twice per fiscal year using the following codes:

- Screening: H0002 with a U1 modifier reimburses at \$24.00
- Brief Intervention: H0004 with a U1 modifier reimburses at \$48.00

The Institute for Health and Recovery's Integrated Screening Tool, which is a validated and objective resource, must be used to receive reimbursement for screening and intervention. ([Click here to see document](#)).

For additional information, or to schedule an in-service office visit to discuss SBIRT, please contact one of the health plans listed below, with which you are contracted. SCDHHS is working in partnership with stakeholders to facilitate this important initiative. For the Department's assistance, you may contact 803-898-2838.

| Health Plan | Contact Information |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Absolute Total Care | (866) 433-6041 |
| BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid | (803) 382-5151 |
| Carolina Medical Homes | (803) 509-5372 |
| First Choice by Select Health | (888) 559-1010 x 57495 |
| Palmetto Physician Connections | (888) 781-4371 |
| South Carolina Solutions | (888) 366-6243 |
| UnitedHealthcare Community Plan | (803) 798-6210 |

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

/s/
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Director