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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program to Cover Monthly Individual Health Insurance Premiums for Eligible Medicaid Beneficiaries

Effective on or after Sept. 1, 2015, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program will expand to pay the premiums for Healthy Connections Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in individual health insurance policies. Currently, the HIPP program will only cover premiums for group health insurance. To qualify for payment under the HIPP program, the cost of the individual health insurance policy must meet the Department's cost-effectiveness criteria.

The HIPP program is a cost-containment initiative that maintains premium payments for Medicaid beneficiaries who retain private health insurance when cost-effective to the Medicaid program. HIPP enrollment is contingent upon a HIPP applicant's Medicaid eligibility and cost-effectiveness.

Any questions regarding the HIPP program should be directed to the Health Insurance Premium Payment program at (803) 264-6847 or (803) 264-6838. Please visit www.scdhhs.gov for additional information.

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

/s/
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