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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: 2020 Provider Revalidation: Group 2 Temporarily Delayed Due to COVID-19

On Friday, March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Governor Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency for the state of South Carolina. As a part of the state’s response to COVID-19, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is delaying the provider revalidation process for Group 2, previously scheduled to begin on April 27, 2020, until further notice.

Pursuant to the national and state declarations of emergency, SCDHHS submitted a waiver under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act requesting a variety of administrative and regulatory flexibilities to aid in the state’s preparation and response to COVID-19. SCDHHS [submitted this request on March 27, 2020](#), which, in part, sought permission from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to temporarily cease revalidation of providers who are located in South Carolina or are otherwise directly impacted by the emergency. Under section 1135(b)(1)(B), CMS granted approval to delay provider revalidation [in a letter dated March 31, 2020](#).

This delay affects providers in Group 2, listed below:

Provider Revalidation 2020: Group 2 – Delayed		
Inpatient Hospital	Outpatient Hospital	Home Health
Hospice	Managed Care	Medical Clinics
Nursing Home	Pharmacy	Chiropractor Group
Dental Group	Optician Group	Optometrist Group
Physician Group	Podiatrist Group	Other Medical Professionals
Individual Chiropractor	Individual Dentist	Individual Optician
Individual Optometrist	Individual Physician	Individual Podiatrist
Social Worker		
The following provider types located within Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Cherokee, Dorchester, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg and York counties, and providers located outside of the state of South Carolina, including providers in the state North Carolina who are located within the Medicaid Service Area, are also in Group 2 and require a site visit.		
Durable Medical Equipment	Independent X-Ray	Laboratory
Other Medical Professionals (Physical Therapist)	Physician Group (Physical Therapist)	

Additional guidance regarding provider revalidation will be communicated in future alerts as needed. A list of all bulletins and alerts issued in response to the COVID-19 emergency can be found at www.scdhhs.gov/covid19.

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