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MEDICAID ALERT

TO: School Districts and Behavioral Health Providers

SUBJECT: Updated Resources for School-based Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Providers

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has posted updated resources in support of its school-based mental health services initiative. These resources include the updated Local Education Agencies (LEA) provider manual, alternative fee schedule and a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document.

Updated LEA Provider Manual

An updated version of the <u>LEA provider manual</u> has been published on <u>SCDHHS' provider manuals</u> <u>website</u>. The LEA provider manual now reflects the rehabilitative behavioral health services (RBHS) that may be reimbursed when provided in a school-based setting.

Alternative Fee Schedule

SCDHHS has posted an <u>alternative fee schedule</u> for the specific RBHS provided in school-based settings included in <u>Medicaid bulletin 22-009</u>. The development of the alternative fee schedule is consistent with the <u>recommendations made by SCDHHS</u> to improve access to school-based mental health services for children across the state. The fee schedule can be found on SCDHHS' fee schedule website.

<u>FAQs</u>

<u>SCDHHS' school-based mental health services website</u> now contains a <u>listing of FAQs and their</u> <u>responses</u>. SCDHHS will continue to update the FAQ periodically as new questions are submitted for review.

Providers may direct questions regarding these resources to the SCDHHS Office of Behavioral Health at <u>behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov</u>.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.