

## Program Update



### Healthy Connections Prime Extended

Healthy Connections Prime is authorized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) as a “demonstration” under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative to explore how coordination between Medicare and Healthy Connections Medicaid can improve health outcomes, create administrative efficiencies and make accessing care easier for members. With the support of CMS and all three Medicare-Medicaid plans (MMPs), **Healthy Connections Prime has been granted an extension through Dec. 31, 2020.** During this extension period, SCDHHS will actively work with the MMPs (Absolute Total Care, First Choice VIP Care Plus and Molina Dual Options), along with other stakeholders, to continue providing a coordinated care approach for the management of the state’s dual-eligible population. SCDHHS will provide additional information regarding this extension over coming weeks.

### Changes for Enrollees

Healthy Connections Prime continues to serve South Carolina seniors 65 and older with Medicare and Healthy Connections Medicaid. The program is jointly administered by CMS and SCDHHS and is designed to integrate all the services of Medicare, Medicare Part D and Medicaid into a single set of benefits managed by an MMP.

Enrolled members will receive **care coordination across both the Medicare and Healthy Connections Medicaid programs as well as zero copays for doctor visits, hospital stays and prescription drugs.**

### Will the program be offered in more counties?

Healthy Connections Prime is currently available in 39 of the state’s 46 counties. Our MMP partners are actively exploring the potential to serve some of the remaining counties. The [County Coverage Map](#) will be updated as new counties are added.

### For More Information

Members, caregivers and providers can get more information about Healthy Connections Prime, by visiting the [Healthy Connections Prime website](#). Additional information about the extension can also be found on the [CMS site](#).

For providers, communications from SCDHHS will be posted at the SCDHHS website in the next couple of weeks.