



## **PROPOSED RENEWAL CHILDREN'S HEALTH ACCESS IN COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS (CHANCE) MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM**

The renewal Children's Health Access in Community Environments (CHANCE) waiver, an alternative to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) placement, is being submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) September 30, 2012, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2013. SCDHHS proposes the following major revisions to the CHANCE waiver:

1. Remove the Psychiatric Medical Assessment considering a similar and adequate service is offered through the state Medicaid plan;
2. Restrict the assigned case manager from providing both case management and direct services;
3. Expand the number of persons served statewide under the waiver to 150 and the unduplicated number of children served in the waiver adjusted to 200;
4. Exclude the clinician who refers the youth to the waiver from performing the initial Level of Care assessment; and,
5. Require applicants to provide the Federation of Families, the family advocacy organization who performs outreach and intake functions, with documentation to substantiate the need for waiver services prior to proceeding with the eligibility process.

These suggested revisions are expected to maintain cost neutrality while allowing additional children to avoid and/or transition out of PRTFs and remain in the least restrictive environment.

A public meeting to discuss this renewal and receive comments on the proposed revisions will be held:

Thursday, August 23, 2012  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina  
8901 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

A draft copy of the proposed changes will be available at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov) by July 27, 2012. Written comments may also be submitted to [comments@scdhhs.gov](mailto:comments@scdhhs.gov) or by mail to SCDHHS, Division of Family Services, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Written comments must be received no later than Friday, August 24, 2012 at 5pm.