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**TO: Medicaid Providers**

**SUBJECT: Temporary Evacuee Assistance**

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, South Carolina may be hosting evacuees from the affected areas. Under normal conditions, you would be required to enroll as a provider of a recipient's home state. Due to the obvious infrastructure interruptions, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will provide temporary Medicaid coverage to all evacuees qualifying under the Medicaid program. The Medicaid card designating eligibility will state "Hurricane Evacuee Assistance." Enrolled Medicaid providers will be reimbursed for South Carolina Medicaid covered services that are medically necessary to meet the immediate needs of the recipient.

This policy is subject to change in relation to Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts and ongoing updates received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Thank you for your support of the Medicaid program and for your assistance in meeting the medical needs of these evacuees. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your program manager.

/s/

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Director

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