

**SOUTH CAROLINA
TITLE XXI STATE PLAN**

Name of Plan: **Partners for Healthy Children**

Date State Plan Submitted: December 8, 1997

Date State Plan Approved: February 18, 1998

Date State Plan Effective: October 1, 1997

Date Amendment #1 Submitted: June 8, 2004

Date Amendment #1 Approved: August 18, 2004

Background

- On December 8, 1997, South Carolina submitted a Medicaid state plan amendment and a SCHIP state plan for providing expanded benefits under the South Carolina Medicaid Agency's Medicaid state plan. South Carolina proposed using expanding Medicaid coverage to children who are under age 19 with family incomes at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Amendments

- South Carolina submitted its first SCHIP state plan amendment on June 8, 2004, to update its State plan to indicate compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.

Children Covered Under Program

- The State reported that 76,128 children were ever enrolled in the program during Federal fiscal year 2003.

Administration

- This expanded coverage for children will be administered by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Health Care Delivery System

- The existing Medicaid delivery system will be used to provide services.

Benefit Package

- The Medicaid benefit package is offered.

Cost Sharing

- Medicaid rules will apply. There will be no cost sharing for children.

Outreach Activities

- Outreach regarding availability of coverage and enrollment has been accomplished through two avenues:
 1. An extension of current Medicaid outreach activities.
 2. A total re-design of the application process to make both the application and the process “user-friendly” and to cut the link with welfare programs and their associated stigma. The expansion initiative is called “Partners for Healthy Children”
- In addition, the entire application process has been revamped to make it more accessible, easier to understand, and less stigmatizing. The information and application package is printed on bright yellow paper with a “Partners for Healthy Children” logo and consists of two pages. The first page is a cover letter from the Governor explaining the program in plain English, with the income guidelines on the back. The second page, front and back, is the simplified application.

Financial Information

Total FFY '04 SCHIP Allotment -- \$43,355,057
FFY '04 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 78.90%

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