

**SOUTH CAROLINA TITLE XXI STATE PLAN
FACT SHEET**

Name of Plan:	Healthy Connection Kids (HCK)
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Date Amendment #5 Submitted:	June 23, 2010
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Background

- On December 8, 1997, South Carolina submitted a Medicaid State plan amendment (SPA) and a State Children’s Health Insurance Program (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). South Carolina created a combination Medicaid expansion and separate child health program on October 4, 2007. On October 1, 2010, South Carolina converted its separate CHIP to a Medicaid expansion.

Amendments

- South Carolina submitted its first SCHIP SPA on June 8, 2004, to update its State plan to indicate compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- On October 4, 2007, South Carolina submitted its second SPA to expand eligibility by creating a separate child health program for children in families with incomes above 150

percent of the FPL, but at or below 200 percent of the FPL and with family resources of less than \$30,000.

- On December 18, 2008, South Carolina submitted its third SPA to revise the child/incapacitated adult care deduction. SPA #3 was withdrawn on February 9, 2009.
- On July 24, 2009, South Carolina submitted its fourth SPA to clarify that psychiatric residential treatment is provided on a fee-for-service basis. This SPA has no budgetary impact.
- On June 23, 2010, South Carolina submitted its fifth SPA to convert its separate CHIP to a Medicaid expansion. The children converting from the separate CHIP to the Medicaid expansion will remain in the same managed care plan, with the same provider network.

Children Covered Under Program

- The State reported that 85,046 children were ever enrolled in the program during Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2009.

Administration

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

Health Care Delivery System

- The State operates a Medicaid Expansion program.
 - Medicaid Expansion: The existing Medicaid delivery system will be used to provide services.

Benefit Package

- The Medicaid benefit package is offered.

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 2010 CHIP Allotment – \$112,886,716
FFY '09 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate – 79.03 percent

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