



EXECUTIVE MEMO

TO: Board Executive Directors
QPL Chief Executive Officers
Finance Directors

FROM: State Director Mary Poole

SUBJECT: CMS Approval of Appendix K for Retainer Payments

DATE: September 30, 2020

On 9/22/2020, CMS approved South Carolina's Appendix K submission addressing several issues with the implementation of retainer payments being the most notable. On the evening of 9/29/2020, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) sent out a "provider alert" containing the approved Appendix K and guidance to apply for retainer payments (see link: <https://www.scdhhs.gov/pro-alert/approval-south-carolina%E2%80%99s-appendix-k-retainer-payments>). Additionally, SCDHHS has set up two webinars at 10AM on October 1st & 2nd with the on-line registration information found on SCDHHS's above link. Providers will need their SC Medicaid Legacy Provider ID to register on-line.

Give the vast majority of DDSN providers directly bill DDSN, rather than SCDHHS, DDSN will have to establish additional procedures to coordinate obtaining retainer payments for the DDSN delivery system. DDSN will use the upcoming monthly standing Finance Workgroup at 1PM on Tuesday, 10/6/2020, as the initial forum to coordinate applying for these retainer payments.

Thank you - Mary