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To: Participating First Choice VIP Care PLUS by Select Health of South Carolina Providers

Re: Verifying Eligibility for First Choice VIP Care PLUS by Select Health of South Carolina Members

First Choice VIP Care PLUS, a Healthy Connections Prime Medicare Medicaid plan, began providing coverage to members on February 1, 2015. This plan is part of a demonstration program designed to provide a new option for South Carolinians 65 and older who are fully eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, also known as dual eligibles.

Who is eligible for this plan?

Eligible individuals are those who are:

- 65 and older
- Fully eligible for Medicare parts A, B, and D
- Fully eligible for Medicaid
- Meet the above criteria and are enrolled in the Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, or Mechanical Ventilation Waiver Programs

Individuals are ineligible if they are:

- Currently under Hospice care
- Receiving treatment for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- Currently institutionalized in a nursing facility or other institution
- Enrolled in the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) or one of the other Waiver Programs

Verifying eligibility for these individuals will be very important to do prior to rendering any services, as all dual eligible individuals have the option to change plans each month. Verifying eligibility may be done through a variety of resources:

- Calling Provider Services at 1 (888)-978-0862
- Through NaviNet (<https://Navinet.Net>) by selecting **VIP Care Plans** from Plan Central and selecting Eligibility and Benefits Inquiry
- The Web Tool available through SCDHHS – Result will show whether an individual is eligible for Healthy Connects Prime and which plan they are enrolled with
- CMS Eligibility will result in the Contract Number H8213 which denotes Select Health of South Carolina's First Choice VIP Care PLUS
- Using the Member Identification Card. However, a member's ID card is not a guarantee of eligibility!