# **First Choice VIP Care PLUS**

A Healthy Connections Prime Medicare-Medicaid Plan





Healthy Connections Prime is a demonstration (pilot) program which started in February 2015 for seniors with both Medicare and South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid. South Carolina is one of ten (10) states participating in this demonstration, which is an effort to address integrated care for people who are dually eligible with an aim to provide:

**Better care** through a care team and a care manager that works directly with the member and their doctors.

**Better value** by making it easier for dual eligible individuals to get all of their health care from a single Medicare-Medicaid Plan.

**Better health** through benefits that will help members stay healthy and live at home as long as possible.

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 Ventilator Dependent Waiver Programs

## Individuals are ineligible if they are:

- Under Hospice care at the time of eligibility
- Receiving treatment for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- Institutionalized in a nursing facility or other institution at the time of eligibility

# Estimates are that approximately 62,500 persons age 65 and older in our state are currently eligible to enroll in the program.

# How is this different than traditional Medicare and Medicaid?

#### How is this different?

This program combines all of the benefits of Medicare (Parts A/B), Medicare Part D and Healthy Connections Medicaid under a single Medicare-Medicaid Plan to make it easier to get the care they need. Members will have:

#### **Current Services**

- $\checkmark$  Doctor visits
- ✓ Hospital care
- Medicare Part D and other medications covered by Healthy Connections Medicaid
- ✓ Adult dental\*
- ✓ Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- ✓ Emergency and Medicaid Transportation Services\*
- ✓ Nursing Home and Community Long-Term Care (CLTC)

#### **New Benefits**

- ✓ One plan
- ✓ One card
- ✓ One number to call
- ✓ No insurance premiums, no costs for doctor visits and hospital stays
- ✓ A care team
- ✓ A personalized care plan that fits your needs
- ✓ Help transitioning home from the hospital or nursing home
- ✓ The right care, at the right time, in the right place

\*These services are still covered and available for you under Healthy Connections Medicaid.

## **Plan Roll-out Timeline**

#### **Healthy Connections Prime Enrollment Timeline**

Marketing Began	12/1/14
Voluntary Opt-In Effective Date	2/1/15
Passive Enrollment – Wave 1 (Upstate)	4/1/16
Passive Enrollment including HCBS Population– Wave 2 (Coastal Region)	7/1/16
Passive Enrollment - Advicare Transition	9/1/16 and 11/1/16
Passive Enrollment – Wave 3 (Entire State)	8/1/17
Passive Enrollment – Ongoing	Starting 9/1/17
Expanded Passive Enrollment	1/1/19

## Why Select Health and Healthy Connections Prime?

- Select Health has worked with South Carolina Department of Health and Human services as a managed care Medicaid since 1995.
- Select Health currently covers over 350,000 South Carolina residents state wide.
- Select Health was awarded a contract to be one of four (now three) Coordinated and Integrated Care Organizations (CICO) in the Healthy Connections Prime program.

### First Choice VIP Care PLUS Service Area





by Select Health of South Carolina

