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Effective FY 2029, the South Carolina Department of Public Health's Medicaid Permit Program will begin enforcing the statutory two-year, 90% Medicaid-utilization requirement for all nursing homes applying for Medicaid Nursing Home Permits.

This notice serves as official communication to South Carolina nursing homes requesting participation in the Medicaid Permit Program that:

- For FY 2027 and FY 2028, each nursing home must achieve at least **90% utilization** of its allocated Medicaid-patient days—defined under **S.C. Code § 44-7-84(B)** and **Regulation 60-95 §103**—in order to maintain its current permit allocation.
- Failure to meet the 90% utilization standard in either fiscal year will render the facility ineligible to apply for an allocation increase, and after two consecutive years of noncompliance, DPH may issue a reduced allocation in accordance with the Department's authority under **Regulation 60-95 §103**.
- Beginning FY 2029 and continuing in **all future fiscal years**, facilities must maintain at least **90% utilization** annually to retain their Medicaid Nursing Home Permit allocations or request allocation increases in accordance with **S.C. Code § 44-7-84(B)** and **Regulation 60-95 §103**.

All questions regarding this process should be directed to:

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