Date: 03/04/2013

To: Home Care Agencies

From: Maureen Murray, Director of Health Services

RE: Quality Improvement Program – Medication Reconciliation

In 2012, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is requiring all Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) to develop and implement a Quality Improvement Project (QIP) for reducing hospital readmissions.

As of March 4th, South Country Health Alliance will implement an in-home medication reconciliation initiative for all members who reside in the community and experience a hospital discharge to their home. SCHA care coordinators will either be completing the medication reconciliation or making a referral to the local County Public Health agency for a home visit.

If a member has a Home Health Care agency actively involved in their care, the care coordinators will be making the referral to complete the medication reconciliation to the Home Health Care agency. South Country does not want a duplication of service to occur because we know that a component of a skilled nurse visit post-hospital discharge is medication reconciliation. As a contracted agency of South Country, we need your participation in the specific documentation of this component.

Care Coordinators will be requesting you complete the attached form and return it to the Care Coordinator as evidence of the medication reconciliation. South Country also requests that when billing for the skilled nurse visit to use CPT-II 1111F as evidence of the completed medication reconciliation component. Please see the Guide to Billing Medication Reconciliation document.

Please contact me at 507-431-6582 or mmurray@mnscha.org if you have any questions. Thank you.