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**The Columbia (SC) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated Joins SC Thrive
to host a
Links Day of Health Resources and Information for Seniors in the Midlands
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Palmer Memorial Chapel-1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223**

The Columbia (SC) Chapter, The Links, Inc. and SC THRIVE have partnered to host a *Columbia Links Day of Health Resources and Information for Seniors in the Midlands* on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Palmer Memorial Chapel, 1200 Fontaine Place, Columbia, SC.

The forum is centered around community needs and access to care for adults ages 50 and older and will focus on the following topics:

Medicare
Mental Health
SNAP

Healthy Connections Prime
Healthy Connections Medicaid
Many other topics relating to general health

Dr. Deborah Davis, Co-Chair of the Columbia Links Health and Human Services Facet, said that she was especially pleased that the Columbia Chapter and SC THRIVE will offer Healthy Connections Prime during the forum, a new healthcare option for seniors providing enhanced Medicare and Medicaid services. She also stated that this is a statewide commitment for all South Carolina Links Chapters to help citizens statewide gain the access needed to obtain health care and other community resources.

Healthy Connections Prime offers better care by making it easier for seniors to get all of their Medicare, Medicaid and Part D services from a health plan that they choose, better value through a care team and a care manager that works directly with them and their doctors and better health through benefits that can assist them in their lives.

The forum is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Links Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The Links established the **Health and Human Services** initiative in response to the chronic health disparities that persist in black communities and result in the decreased life expectancy of African Americans and other people of African ancestry.

SC Thrive is a statewide non-profit organization offering solutions to South Carolinians in need of accessing resources but facing a multitude of barriers. SC Thrive will lead the conversation on access to healthcare, food insecurity resources, and community mental health. Local healthcare organizations will be onsite sharing valuable tools and medical information leading to access to care and local community needs assessments.

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