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**Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Pharmacies**

**From: South Dakota Medicaid**

**RE: Flu Vaccines**

South Dakota Medicaid is excited to announce a program enhancement to facilitate administration of flu vaccines to Medicaid recipients in the pharmacy setting. Effective September 1, 2021, flu vaccines billed by a pharmacy for Medicaid recipients 19 years of age or older are billable through the pharmacy point of sale system (POS). The flu vaccine administration will be paid in the form of the pharmacy dispensing fee, which is currently \$10.55. A valid prescriber NPI is required in accordance with current South Dakota pharmacy rules. You may contact OptumRx at 1-855-401-4262 with claim specific questions. Claims for flu vaccines for recipients age **19 or older** should **not** be billed on a CMS 1500 effective September 1, 2021.

Claims for flu vaccine administration for children **younger than 19** years of age should continue to be billed on a CMS 1500 form. South Dakota Medicaid is continuing to require pharmacies to bill via a CMS 1500 for this population due to the fact that only the administration fee is reimbursable for this population as providers are able to acquire the vaccine for free through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Claims submitted via POS for children will deny and there will be no override available. Claims for these vaccines should continue to be billed in accordance with the instructions in the [Physician Administered Drugs, Vaccines, and Immunizations](#) manual.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid