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**Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers**  
**From: South Dakota Medicaid**  
**RE: Public Health Emergency Unwinding Changes to Coverage**

South Dakota Medicaid provided a number of temporary coverage flexibilities during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The federal PHE is ending May 11, 2023.

South Dakota Medicaid is making the following temporary telemedicine coverage permanent as of May 11, 2023:

- Speech and Language Pathology
- ABA Therapy Services
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Audiology Services
- Physical and Occupational Therapy in provided by school districts

South Dakota Medicaid is ending the following temporary coverage effective May 11, 2023:

Coverage	Change	Expiration Date
Well Child Check-ups	Telemedicine coverage will no longer be available. Well child checkups should be performed in person.	05/11/2023
Medicare Alignment	South Dakota Medicaid will align with Medicaid and end telemedicine coverage of the following codes no longer covered by Medicare via telemedicine: 92065, 92584, 92605, 92606, 92618, 96110, 96127, 96161, 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99224, 99225, 99226, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99343, 99453, 99454, 99457, and 99458	05/11/2023
Remote Patient Monitoring	The following remote patient monitoring codes will no longer be covered: 99453, 99454, 99457, and 99458	05/11/2023
Originating Site Fee	Providers may no longer bill the originating site fee for a recipient's home as a "hospital	05/11/2023

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ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-305-9673 (TTY: 711).

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	location” known to and approved by Medicare.	
Transportation Services: Ground Ambulance Services	Providers will no longer be reimbursed for ground ambulance transportation from a hospital with a higher level of care to a hospital with a lower level of care to accommodate the care of additional recipients with a COVID-19 diagnosis.	05/11/2023

In addition to the services listed above, the following coverages are set to expire at a later date:

Coverage	Change	Expiration Date
Cost Sharing	Cost-sharing for testing services (including in vitro diagnostic products), testing related services, treatments for COVID-19, and specialized equipment and therapies (including drugs) will continue to be exempt until the expiration date. At the expiration date, applicable cost sharing will resume.  Cost sharing for COVID-19 vaccines, administration and vaccine counseling will be exempt from cost share on a permanent basis.	09/30/2024
PREP Act	Current coverage for pharmacist administered claims for recipients aged 3 years old or older without a physician or other licensed practitioner’s order will no longer be allowed after the expiration date.  Podiatrists will no longer be reimbursed for administering COVID-19 vaccines after the expiration date.	10/01/2024

Provider manuals will be updated to reflect changes in coverages and may be found on our [provider webpage](#).

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid