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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Indian Health Service (IHS) Servicing Provider Referrals and Cost-Shares

Referrals

South Dakota Medicaid would like to remind non-IHS/Tribal 638 providers that referrals made to non-IHS providers by IHS/Tribal 638 physicians and other licensed practitioners who are solely licensed out-of-state are considered valid referrals under federal regulation. Non-IHS providers should accept referrals by IHS/Tribal 638 providers on the same basis as they accept referrals from non-IHS providers. The original IHS/Tribal 638 referral covers any subsequent referrals including referrals made to providers out of the IHS/Tribal 638 facility. Claims for services referred by IHS must be submitted with the IHS/Tribal 638 referral information on the claim form. More information on referrals can be found in our [Referrals Provider Manual](#).

Cost Sharing

All South Dakota Medicaid recipients are required to participate in cost sharing unless the recipient or services are exempt. Cost sharing authorized by South Dakota Medicaid is an out-of-pocket cost paid by the recipient, often referred to as a co-pay or co-payment. American Indians who have ever received an item or service furnished by an Indian Health Services (IHS) provider or through referral under contract health services are exempt from cost sharing for all services, including dental services. Additional information on cost sharing, including inability to pay, can be found in our [Billing a Recipient Manual](#).

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid