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**Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers**  
**From: South Dakota Medicaid**  
**RE: Medicaid Expansion Eligibility and Coverage Start**

South Dakota Medicaid would like to remind providers that **eligibility for Medicaid expansion cannot begin any earlier than July 1, 2023.**

Eligibility for Medicaid programs can generally be backdated up to three months from the date DSS receives the application, however expansion eligibility and coverage cannot begin any earlier than July 1, 2023. Applicants who apply for expansion and request eligibility prior to July 1 would have to meet criteria for another program to receive coverage prior to July 1, 2023.

Providers will not be reimbursed by South Dakota Medicaid for services performed prior to July 1, 2023 for recipients eligible for Medicaid expansion who did not meet criteria for another program.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

South Dakota Medicaid has compiled a list of most frequently asked questions (FAQs) which can be found [here](#) on our [Medicaid Expansion Page](#) along with other resources.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid