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**Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers**

**From: South Dakota Medicaid**

**Re: Discontinuing the Use of Certificates of Medical Necessity**

South Dakota Medicaid is discontinuing the requirement that providers maintain a certificate of medical necessity (CMNs) for durable medical equipment claims with dates of service on or after November 27, 2023. This change aligns with Medicare's recent change, which is intended to reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for providers.

The medical necessity of DME still must be documented in the medical record in accordance with [ARSD 67:16:29:04.02](#). The medical record must contain:

1. Recipient name and Medicaid number;
2. Diagnosis, including an explanation of the particular condition resulting from the diagnosis which relates to the equipment request;
3. Prognosis;
4. Length of time the item is expected to be required;
5. Justification of medical necessity;
6. Equipment prescribed;
7. Prescribing provider's National Provider Identification (NPI) number, signature, and date signed;
8. Description of equipment; and
9. Explanation of equipment functions.

Please see the [Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies](#) manual for additional information and documentation requirements.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid