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**Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers**  
**From: South Dakota Medicaid**  
**Re: Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning**

In an effort to improve access to diagnosis of and care planning for recipients with Alzheimer's and dementia, South Dakota Medicaid has recently implemented coverage and reimbursement for Cognitive Assessments and Care Planning.

Assessment of and care planning for a patient with cognitive impairment is covered under CPT code 99483 up to once every 180 days if medically necessary. A care planning visit may consist of the following:

- Evaluating cognition
- Assessing function/decision-making capacity
- Reviewing/reconciling prescription medications
- Measuring behavioral symptoms
- Evaluating safety (including driving ability)
- Identifying and assessing a primary caregiver
- Developing advance care directives
- Creating a care plan, including referral to community resources

Please refer to the [Physician Services Manual](#) and [Physician Services Fee Schedule](#) for additional information and reimbursement rates.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid

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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).

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-800-305-9673 (TTY: 711).