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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers
From: South Dakota Medicaid
Re: Substance Use Disorder Treatment Outcome Tools

Currently, South Dakota Medicaid requires Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Agencies to enter all data and outcomes information required by the Division of Behavioral Health into STARS (State Treatment Activity Reporting System) in order for Medicaid payment. This requirement includes basic recipient demographic information as well as the recipient admission into and discharge from services. These requirements are described in the [Substance Use Disorder Agency Manual](#). In addition, SUD Agencies have the option to complete Behavioral Health Treatment Outcome Tools to measure the impacts of behavioral health treatment and the effectiveness of services.

Effective July 1, 2024, SUD Agencies will be required to complete Behavioral Health Treatment Outcome Tools for SUD Agency services billed to South Dakota Medicaid. SUD Agencies must comply with requirements set forth by the Division of Behavioral Health in the [Behavioral Health Treatment Outcome Tools Program Manual](#) and as required by Administrative Rules of South Dakota [67:61:04:02](#). The Office of Licensing and Accreditation will review compliance. After July 1, 2024, failure to maintain compliance may result in recoupment of Medicaid payments or provider termination from South Dakota Medicaid. Out of State SUD Agencies are exempt from this requirement.

The Behavioral Health Outcome Tools are located in STARS as well as linked on the DSS website: <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/providers.aspx> under "Outcome Tools Information".

Communication and training opportunities regarding the Outcome Tool process will be forthcoming to address any training gaps or concerns that may exist.

For questions related to STARS or the Behavioral Health Outcome Tools, contact the Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236 or DSSBH@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid
South Dakota Office of Licensing and Accreditation
South Dakota Division of Behavioral Health