

SOUTH DAKOTA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NEWS

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Periodically, Medical Assistance will be sending out new News.

Please take the time to read the News, as it will be beneficial for both the Provider and Medical Assistance.



Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

South Dakota children are eligible for **FREE** health insurance through the Department of Social Services (DSS) if they are under 19 and are income eligible for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP acts as a child's insurance company and pays for medical services such as physician care, hospital care, rehabilitation, as well as other medical services. Children who already have private health insurance may also be eligible for payment of deductibles, co-payments, and other medical services not covered by their private policy under the Medical Assistance Program. In South Dakota, Medical Assistance is comprised of CHIP and Title 19. For more information on where families can apply, call 1-800-305-3064 or the nearest local Department of Social Services office. For more information on the CHIP program visit our web site at www.state.sd.us/social/medical/chip/index.htm

Electronic Crossover Claims

In-state South Dakota Medicaid Providers are experiencing trouble with the electronic crossover claims not crossing over from Medicare to Medicaid. Medical Assistance is trying to resolve this problem. However, it was discovered that many of the providers on our system are missing their Medicare number. If you are experiencing trouble with your electronic crossover claims please submit your Medicaid Provider number and Medicare number to Provider Enrollment, Department of Social Services, Office of Medical Services, 700 Governor's Drive, Pierre, SD 57501.

If you have any questions please call the Office of Medical Services at 605-773-3495.

Blood Lead Screening Reminder

As part of the Healthy Kids Klub, the South Dakota Medical Assistance Program reimburses for blood lead screenings for children. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), recommends that children receive a blood lead screening at 12 and 24 months of age. Children over the age of 24 months, up to 72 months of age, for whom no record of a previous screening blood lead test exists, should also receive a blood lead screening. The South Dakota Department of Health has the capacity to analyze blood samples for lead and provide supportive services when an elevated level is detected. For questions or for more information please call the South Dakota Health Department at 605-773-3368 or 1-800-738-2301 (In SD Only)

Diabetes Self-Management Education

The South Dakota Medical Assistance Program has implemented a coverage policy for Diabetes Self-Management Education. This service is reimbursable when delivered to an eligible Medical Assistance recipient by a program certified by the American Diabetes Association or recognized by the South Dakota Department of Health.

The state plan amendment to allow for this coverage was recently approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). This approval will allow the South Dakota Medical Assistance Program to reimburse for Diabetes Self-Management Education dating back to October 1, 2000.

The coverage guidelines and billing information may be accessed on our web site at www.state.sd.us/social/medical/provider/index.htm.

The coverage guidelines are not intended to exclude individuals who have not received any prior diabetes education, so feel free to call with questions. Provider questions may be directed to the Office of Medical Services at 605-773-3495.

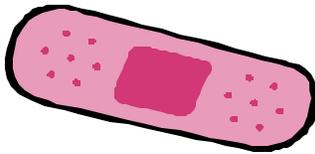
Refund Checks

When a refund check is submitted from a provider it is not reflected in the paid claims history file of the patient or the provider. As a result, future claims for that date of service may not be processed appropriately. Claims will be denied automatically by our system as it does not have the refund transaction recorded. In order to correct the over payment on the history file, an Adjustment or Void Claim Form must be filed.

This form serves two purposes for correcting payment errors. *Adjustment* - is used to correct a payment error. The provider has either been overpaid or underpaid, i.e.: the recipient's primary health insurance made a payment. An adjustment will remove the original paid claim (credit) and pay (debit) the adjustment claim as indicated. *Void* - is used to completely subtract a payment from the history file, i.e.: the provider received payment for a wrong recipient or for services that were never provided. A void will subtract the inappropriate payment on a future remittance advice.

A refund check should only be submitted when trying to correct payment of a claim that is over 15 months old. When it is determined that a refund check must be issued, DO NOT send it with a claim. Send the refund check in a separate envelope with a letter stating your provider name and number, recipient name, and reason for refund.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Medical Services at 605-773-3495.



Bright Start Responsive Parenting

Bright Start, Governor Janklow's early childhood initiative will be airing Responsive Parenting on South Dakota Public Television in a six part series in October. The first three years of life determine, to a large extent, how well a child will learn, solve problems, communicate, express and control emotions, and interact with others. This parenting series will provide one with information and strategies for getting a child off to a Bright Start.

Bright Start: Responsive Parenting

Coming to South Dakota Public Television this Fall

The first three years of life, to a large degree, will determine how well your child will learn, solve problems, express and control emotions, and get along with others. If you want to help your child get off to a Bright Start, watch this new six-part parenting series.

Tuesday and Wednesday Nights -- 7:00 p.m. CT/6:00 p.m. MT

◆ Tuesday, October 2 The Parent-Child Dance	◆ Tuesday, October 9 Responding to Your Child's Needs	◆ Tuesday, October 16 What and How Your Child Learns
◆ Wednesday, October 3 Your Unique Child	◆ Wednesday, October 10 Encouraging Your Child	◆ Wednesday, October 17 Parenting is Stressful, So is Growing Up

Each show will feature free promotional items of interest to those involved with young children.
For more information call the Bright Start toll-free number at 1-800-305-3064.

www.sdbrightstart.com

Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments (CLIA)

CLIA requires any laboratory performing testing on specimens derived from a human being for purposes of providing diagnosis, treatment, etc. to enroll with the CLIA program. South Dakota Medicaid Providers who bill for these laboratory tests must have a CLIA number assigned to their provider number. Claims submitted on or after October 1, 2001 to the South Dakota Medical Assistance Program for laboratory procedures covered under CLIA will be denied, if your CLIA number is not on our provider file. Also, claims will be denied if the provider is not certified to perform the test being billed. If you haven't already done so, South Dakota Medicaid Providers who submit claims for laboratory procedures covered under CLIA need to submit the following to Provider Enrollment, Social Services - Medical, 700 Governor's Drive, Pierre, SD 57501: (a) South Dakota Medicaid Provider Number; (b) CLIA Laboratory Certificate of Accreditation issued by the Health Care Financing Administration.

If you have questions regarding this request, please call Medical Services at 605-773-3495.

Td Vaccine Shortage Update

Healthy Kids Klub preventive services reminder letters will continue to go out to parents regardless of the Td vaccine shortage. Please follow the suggested process as outlined in the following South Dakota Health Department memorandum #2001-09: The Centers for Disease Control recommends that health-care providers, including clinic personnel, record the names of people whose booster dose is delayed during the shortage. When Td supplies are restored, these people should be notified to return to their health-care provider for vaccination.