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Dear South Dakota Medicaid/CHIP Recipient or Guardian:

Beginning September 1, 2014 most medical services received more than 50 miles outside of the state of South Dakota, except Bismarck, North Dakota will require prior approval by South Dakota Medicaid for the cost to be covered. This applies to all Medicaid recipients, including those not in managed care.

This means that if your doctor is referring you to medical services that are more than 50 miles outside of South Dakota, except Bismarck, North Dakota your doctor will have to submit paperwork to South Dakota Medicaid for approval before the cost can be paid. If the services are the result of an emergency, approval can be given after you receive the services.

Some out-of-state services will not need approval such as certain lab, radiology or pathology services, durable medical equipment, and pharmacy.

If your doctor recommends you see a doctor out-of-state, please ask your doctor if approval is needed before you make the appointment. If you don't, and approval is not given, you will be responsible for the bill.

If you have Medicare in addition to South Dakota Medicaid, please follow the Medicare requirements. If you have other private health insurance through your or a family member's workplace, you will need to follow the South Dakota Medicaid process in addition to any process your private insurance requires.

Please email questions to Medical@state.sd.us or call our office at 605-773-3495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kirby L. Stone'.

Kirby L. Stone
Medicaid Director
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