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Attention: Institutional Billers

RE: Updated Discharge Status Information

Dear South Dakota Medical Assistance Providers:

A patient discharge status code is a two-digit code that identifies where the patient is at the conclusion of a health care facility encounter or at the end of a billing cycle. This code is mandatory for the completion of the CMS 1450 (UB-04) claim form. Patient discharge status codes are required in locator 17 of the claim form. Omitting a patient discharge status code or submitting a claim with an incorrect code results in a claim billing error and could lead to the rejection or cancellation of a claim. The Division of Medical Services has updated patient discharge status codes to include:

- 43: Discharged/transferred to Federal Health Care Facility;**
- 51: Discharged/transferred to Hospice;**
- 62: Discharged/transferred to an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility including distinct units of a hospital;**
- 63: Discharged/transferred to Medicare Certified Long Term Care Hospital;**
- 65: Discharged/transferred to Psychiatric Hospital or Psychiatric unit of a hospital;**
- 66: Discharged/transferred to a Critical Access Hospital;**

A full list of acceptable patient discharge status codes can be found in the *South Dakota Medical Assistance Program Institutional Billing Manual*, and the *South Dakota Medical Assistance Program Long Term Care Provider Billing Manual*. The manuals can be accessed online at SD MEDX by visiting: <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/billingmanuals/index.aspx>.

If you have further questions or would like additional assistance please contact our office at the above address.