March 24, 2020

ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: South Dakota Medicaid 1135 Waiver Request

On March 19, 2020, the South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) requested federal authority to provide flexibility for South Dakota Medicaid recipients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

DSS requested authority to make the changes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through an 1135 waiver. The waivers run across the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) administration.

DSS expects a response from CMS soon. PLEASE NOTE that once approved any changes to South Dakota Medicaid or CHIP - and the effective dates of those changes - will be communicated to you by DSS.

Up-to-date information regarding the Department of Social Services response to COVID-19 and the public health emergency can be found at https://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/recentnews.aspx.