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Date

ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Well Child Services

South Dakota Medicaid follows the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) comprehensive health guidelines for preventive well-child care. South Dakota Medicaid encourages all providers who see Medicaid recipients to regularly consult the Bright Futures periodicity schedule, available on the AAP website: https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf In accordance with the Bright Futures periodicity schedule, South Dakota Medicaid has made several changes to the provision of well-child services. Please read the information below carefully and share with your office and billing staff.

WELL CHILD SCHEDULING

Beginning at the age of 3, well-child visits are recommended annually for each Medicaid recipient through age 21. Well-child visits may be billed within 10 months of a previous well-child visit to allow for more flexibility in scheduling well-child visits. South Dakota Medicaid encourages providers and clinics to consider the following strategies to ensure each Medicaid recipient receives recommended well-child visits:

- Schedule the next well-child visit at the end of the well-child visit from age 0-3. Send an annual reminder to children and families about the date of the next well-child visit.
- Perform a well-child visit simultaneously with an acute care appointment or schedule a follow-up well-child visit at the end of an acute care appointment. *Note: Medicaid will cover both an acute care appointment and a well-child visit performed on the same day.*

PERIODICITY SCHEDULE

South Dakota Medicaid mails well-child checkup reminders to each family during the month of the child's birthday to remind families to schedule recommended well-child checkups. A copy of the periodicity schedule sent to parents is attached. South Dakota Medicaid recommends reviewing the well-child periodicity schedule with families and educating families about the screenings and tests recommended under the Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule.

South Dakota Medicaid children are also eligible to receive yearly oral health exams and two cleanings per year from a dentist. These services do not require a physician referral but are important to ensuring the child's overall health. Assistance with finding a dentist for a South Dakota Medicaid child is available from Delta Dental of South Dakota. Please direct recipients to call Delta Dental at: 1-800-738-2301

WELL CHILD CPT CODES & REIMBURSEMENT

South Dakota Medicaid reimburses for well child services for children up to age 21 using the following CPT codes:

SERVICE	CPT	DESCRIPTION
Well-Child Visit	99381	Preventive Visit, New, Infant, (Under 1)
Well-Child Visit	99382	Preventive Visit, New, Age 1-4
Well-Child Visit	99383	Preventive Visit, New, Age 5-11
Well-Child Visit	99384	Preventive Visit, New, Age 12-17
Well-Child Visit	99385	Preventive Visit, New, Age 18-39
Well-Child Visit	99391	Preventive Visit, Established, Infant, (Under 1)
Well-Child Visit	99392	Preventive Visit, Established, Age 1-4
Well-Child Visit	99393	Preventive Visit, Established, Age 5-11
Well-Child Visit	99394	Preventive Visit, Established, Age 12-17
Well-Child Visit	99395	Preventive Visit, Established, Age 18-39

Certain screenings and services are allowed to be billed in addition to the well-child visit. Please review the services and service limits below:

SERVICE	CPT	DESCRIPTION	PERIODICITY
Developmental Screen	96110	Developmental screen with score	At 9 months, 18 months, and 30 months
Autism Screen	96110	Developmental screen with score	At 18 and 24 months
Depression Screen	96127	Brief emotional or behavioral assessment	1 screen annually in conjunction with a well-child visit
Fluoride Varnish	99188 D1206 D1208	Application of topical fluoride	3 per year

Providers should refer children to follow-up treatment as necessary. The South Dakota Division of Behavioral Health is a resource for individuals who may require follow-up treatment for depression. More information about the Division of Behavioral Health is available online: <http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/>

Lead Screening Policy

Federal regulations require all children enrolled in Medicaid to receive a blood level lead screening at age 12 and 24 months and as recommended by the child's provider. Please ensure that your clinic's well-child visit procedures for children enrolled in Medicaid include a blood level lead screening at age 12 and 24 months. This code must be billed using CPT code 83655.

Maternal Depression Screening

Untreated maternal depression can have major, long-term adverse effects for the mother and her child. Early detection, referral and treatment of maternal depression can greatly reduce adverse consequences. South Dakota Medicaid reimburses for maternal depression screening when performed in conjunction with a well-child visit. Providers are encouraged to screen mothers who have a South Dakota Medicaid-eligible child under the age of one. Providers must bill CPT 99420 for maternal depression screening performed using a standardized screening tool. The service must be billed using the child's South Dakota Medicaid recipient ID number. Providers should refer the mother to follow-up treatment as necessary. The South Dakota Division of Behavioral Health is a resource for individuals who may require follow-up treatment. More information about the Division of Behavioral Health is available online: <http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/>

For additional information about South Dakota Medicaid's well-child policy, please review the *Professional Services Billing Manual* located on our website: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/providers/billingmanuals/>

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

Thank you,

South Dakota Medicaid