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Pregnancy Rate Updates

- Pregnancy related fee-for-service codes were rebased to 100 percent of Medicare effective April 1, 2024. This resulted in an aggregate increase in reimbursement for these services.

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Pregnancy Billing Updates

- Prenatal Services
 - IHS, and Tribal 638 providers should continue to use the applicable EM code and pregnancy-related diagnosis code when billing for prenatal care services.
 - Effective April 1, 2024, provider must append the TH modifier when billing for prenatal care to facilitate identification of prenatal services in Medicaid claims data.
 - The modifier should not be applied to the initial confirmatory visit.
 - As a reminder, South Dakota Medicaid reimburses the reporting of the initial prenatal visit for pregnant recipients. Reporting should be billed to Medicaid within 15 days of the initial prenatal visit using CPT code 0500F which is reimbursable once per pregnancy.
 - This is reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis in addition to the encounter service.
- Postpartum Services
 - IHS and Tribal 638 providers should bill for comprehensive postpartum visits using 59430. Comprehensive postpartum visits should not be billed for using an EM code.

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Transportation Services Updates

- Accompanying Adult Transportation
 - Effective April 1, 2024, South Dakota Medicaid added coverage of transportation services for an accompanying adult to a medical service for a recipient who is a child age 20 or younger if an accompanying adult is necessary for the transportation service or medical service to occur.
 - Providers should bill the appropriate accompanying adult attendant code, T2001.
 - Providers should not bill for the service if their policy allows for a parent, guardian, or accompanying adult to ride with a child at no charge.
- Transportation to Pharmacies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Optical Providers
 - Effective April 1, 2024, South Dakota Medicaid added coverage of medically necessary transportation services to pick-up prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, and optical supplies when delivery or mailing is not an option for obtaining the supply.
 - Trips for the first fill of a new prescription or a medical equipment fitting or adjustment are allowable even if a delivery program is available.
 - If a recipient has multiple prescriptions or DME items, orders must be coordinated for pick-up on the same date from the same provider/location whenever feasible.

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