

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## South Dakota Medicaid Program

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The department estimates there will be no fiscal impact associated with this SPA in Federal Fiscal Year 2026 and Federal Fiscal Year 2027.

The SPA is available to view on the department's website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/medicaidstateplan.aspx>. Copies of the proposed SPA pages are also available at the Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services. Written requests for a copy of these changes, and corresponding comments, may be emailed to [MedicaidSPA@state.sd.us](mailto:MedicaidSPA@state.sd.us) or sent to:

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RE: South Dakota Medicaid State Plan Amendment # SD-25-0015

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Sincerely,

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Heather Petermann, Director

## **Medicaid State Plan Amendment Proposal**

**Transmittal Number:** SD-25-0015

**Effective Date:** 10/01/2025

**Brief Description:** Replaces the current Attachment 3.1-L Substance Use Disorders / Institutions for Mental Diseases State Plan pages with the new template pages provided by CMS and separately updates the random moment time study cost pool list of providers that may perform school-based direct services and/or administrative claiming activities.

**Area and Page(s) of State Plan Affected:** Pages 1-6 of Attachment 3.1-L-SUD/IMD and page 4i of Attachment 4.19-B.

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact, if Any:**      FFY26: \$0  
   FFY27: \$0

**Reason for Amendment:** States electing to continue coverage under the section 1915(l) state plan option are required to submit all required template pages and clarifies the provider types allowed in each cost pool for random moment time studies required for school-based administrative claiming.

**Anticipated Impact to Tribes:** No impact as the current coverage is not being altered.

**Comment Period:** September 29, 2025 to October 29, 2025.

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State/Territory: South Dakota**

**1915(l) State Plan Option To Provide Medical Assistance For Eligible Individuals  
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**General Assurances**

- ☒ Services provided under section 1915(l) are covered under the Medicaid state plan.
- ☒ Coverage is available for a maximum of 30 days per 12-month period per eligible individual from the date an eligible individual is first admitted to an eligible institution for mental diseases (IMD) in accordance with section 1915(l)(2).

**Eligibility for Services**

- ☒ Medicaid beneficiaries ages 21 through 64 who have at least one substance use disorder (SUD) and reside in an eligible IMD primarily to receive withdrawal management and/or SUD treatment services in accordance with 1915(l)(7).

**Eligible IMDs**

- ☒ The state has a process to review the compliance of eligible IMDs with nationally recognized SUD-specific program standards that are specified by the state, in accordance with section 1915(l)(4)(E).
- ☒ The state provides assurance that providers follow reliable evidence-based practices and offer at least two forms of medications for addiction treatment onsite, including one antagonist and one partial agonist for opioid use disorder, in accordance with section 1915(l)(7)(B).

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**Eligible IMDs (continued)**

*The State ensures that eligible IMDs follow nationally recognized SUD-specific program standards and utilize evidence-based practices, including provision of medications for addiction treatment through standards established by the State's Single State Agency for Substance Abuse Services for providers.*

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**Individual Placement Criteria and Utilization Management**

☒ The state assures use of evidence-based, SUD-specific individual placement criteria and utilization management approaches to ensure placement of eligible individuals in an appropriate level of care, including criteria and approaches to ensure that eligible individuals receive an appropriate evidence-based clinical screening prior to receiving services in an eligible IMD, including initial and periodic reassessments to determine the appropriate level of care, length of stay, and setting for each individual, in accordance with section 1915(l)(4)(B).

Please briefly describe the state's individual placement criteria and utilization management approaches.:

*Eligible individuals receive an appropriate evidence-based clinical screening prior to receiving services in an eligible IMD, including initial and periodic reassessments to determine the appropriate level of care, length of stay, and setting for each individual. Eligible IMDs are required to perform an integrated assessment. The integrated assessment includes both functional and diagnostic components. The assessment shall establish the historical development and dysfunctional nature of the recipient's alcohol and drug abuse or dependence and shall assess the recipient's treatment needs.*

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**Comprehensive Continuum of Care**

☒ In accordance with section 1915(l)(4)(C), the state provides assurance that SUD treatment and withdrawal management services are covered under the state plan consistent with the following levels of care:

- ☒ Early intervention
- ☒ Outpatient services
- ☒ Intensive outpatient services
- ☒ Partial hospitalization
- ☒ Clinically managed, low-intensity residential services
- ☐ Clinically managed, population specific, high-intensity residential services for adults
- ☐ Clinically managed, medium-intensity residential services for adolescents
- ☐ Clinically managed, high-intensity residential services for adults
- ☐ Medically monitored, high-intensity inpatient services for adolescents
- ☐ Medically monitored, intensive inpatient services withdrawal management for adults
- ☒ Medically managed, intensive inpatient services.

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**Care Transitions**

☒ The state provides assurance that placement of beneficiaries in an IMD will allow for their successful transition to the community, considering factors such as proximity to an individual's support network (e.g., family members, employment, counseling and other services near an individual's place of residence), in accordance with section 1915(l)(4)(D)(i).

☒ The state provides assurance that eligible IMDs either provide services at lower levels of clinical intensity or establish relationships with Medicaid-enrolled providers offering services at lower levels of care, in accordance with section 1915(l)(4)(D)(ii).

Please briefly describe the state's transition process that will ensure a beneficiary's successful transition to the community as well as the state's process to ensure that IMDs either provide services at lower levels of clinical intensity or establish relationships with Medicaid-enrolled providers offering services at lower levels of care.:

*Recipients residing in an IMD are required to be transitioned to the community upon discharge. Eligible IMDs are required to provide discharge planning services. Discharge planning services must include continued care planning and counseling, referral to and coordination of care with other resources that will assist a recipient's recovery, including education, vocational, medical, legal, social, mental health, employment, and other related alcohol and drug services, and referral to and coordination of medical services to include the availability of tuberculosis and human immunodeficiency virus services.*

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**SUD Provider Assessment**

☒ In accordance with section 1915(l)(4)(F), the state provides assurance that an assessment of availability of SUD treatment at all levels of care, including the availability of medications for addiction treatment and medically supervised withdrawal management services and how such availability varies by region of the state, will be completed by the state, pursuant to the timeframes outlined in section 1915(l)(4)(F).

**Maintenance of Effort (MOE)**

☒ The state provides assurance that it will annually maintain or exceed state and local funding, including the state share of Medicaid expenditures, on items and services described in section 1915(l)(3) that are furnished to eligible individuals in outpatient, community-based settings.

☐ The funding amount is based on federal fiscal year 2018.

☒ The funding amount is based on the most recently completed federal fiscal year as of the date the state submits the 1915(l) SPA.

Please add additional information here.:

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ATTACHMENT 4.19-B  
PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

- i. Below the job categories in each of the cost pools are outlined based on the current eligible provider job category:

a. Cost Pool 1 (Direct Service & Administrative Providers)

\*These providers may perform direct services and administrative claiming activities. Only these provider types included in the approved state plan are included in the cost pool and time study.

1. Psychologist / Psychologist Interns
2. School Psychological Examiner
3. Licensed Professional Counselor
4. Certified Social Worker – PIP
5. Certified Social worker – PIP candidate
6. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
7. Clinical Nurse Specialist
8. Licensed Audiologist
9. Licensed Registered Professional Nurse
10. Licensed Practical Nurse
11. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
12. Licensed Occupational Therapist
13. Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant
14. Licensed Physical Therapist
15. Certified Physical Therapy Assistant
16. Licensed Speech Language Pathologist
17. Licensed Speech Language Pathology Assistant
18. Medicaid Direct Service Billing Coordinator
19. Nurse Assistant / Health Aide
20. Psychiatrist

b. Cost Pool 2 (Administrative Service Providers Only)

\*These providers may perform only administrative claiming activities. Only those provider types included in the approved state plan are included in the cost pool and time study.

1. School Administrators that perform Medicaid allowable activities
2. School Counselors
3. Special Education Teachers
4. Special Education Administrators
5. School Bilingual Assistants
6. Interpreters & Interpreter Assistants
7. Other groups/individuals that perform Medicaid allowable services activities.

- h) The RMTS generates the Administration Services time study percentages; The RMTS method polls participants on an individual basis at random time intervals over a given time period and totals the results to determine work effort for the entire population of eligible staff over that same time period. The RMTS method provides a statistically valid means of determining what portion of the selected group of participant's workload is spent performing administrative activities. The Administrative Service time study percentages are applied to only those costs associated with Administrative services to generate the cost amount for services provided pursuant Administrative Services cost amount. The