

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: SOUTH DAKOTA

METHOD FOR DETERMINING COST EFFECTIVENESS OF CARING FOR CERTAIN
DISABLED CHILDREN AT HOME

The total cost to the Medicaid program of services required to maintain an individual in their home will be compared to the Medicaid cost for an appropriate level of institutional care. At any time the average cost in the home is greater than the institutional cost the payment for home care will be discontinued unless there is documentation that the home care cost will decrease to a level below institutional care within 60 days. Initial comparison of costs will use an estimated cost for home care based on the plan of care.

Costs included in the home care will be limited to those services that would be included in the institutional payment. The primary services included are: nutritional therapy or supplements; physical, speech, or occupational therapy; medical equipment; home health agency services; private duty nursing services; and personal care services. Home care services paid by a third party will not be considered in the Medicaid cost to maintain an individual in their home.