

South Dakota Medicaid Provider News

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Doula Services Coverage Implemented

Effective January 1, 2025, South Dakota Medicaid implemented coverage and reimbursement for pregnancy-related doula services including prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum supports. Services will be provided by qualified individuals with doula certifications from programs approved by South Dakota Medicaid. Payment for doula services is limited to the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or the fee contained on South Dakota Medicaid's [Fee Schedule](#). Additional information is available in the [Doula Services](#) provider manual.

Pregnancy Program is now BabyReady

Medicaid implemented a soft launch of the new Pregnancy Program care management program in the Spring of 2024. The program is now officially launching as BabyReady. [BabyReady](#) is intended to improve maternal health outcomes through enhanced care coordination, services being provided in accordance with standards of care, and reducing barriers to care. Participating providers are eligible for [enhanced reimbursement](#) for care coordination and meeting prenatal care and postpartum care program objectives.



FQHC, RHC, IHS, Tribal 638 Prenatal and Postpartum Billing Reminders

As a reminder FQHC, RHC, IHS, and Tribal 638 providers must append the TH modifier to the applicable EM code when billing for prenatal care. This modifier assists to facilitate identification of prenatal services in Medicaid claims data. The modifier should not be applied to the initial confirmatory visit. In addition, FQHC, RHC, 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.

Justice Involved Youth Case Management and Pre-Release Services Coverage

Effective January 1, 2025, South Dakota Medicaid implemented coverage for limited healthcare services for incarcerated juveniles in accordance with CAA 2023, Section 5121. These services, including case management, may be provided by enrolled providers up to 30 days prior to release from a carceral setting and are intended to help provide a bridge to community based healthcare services. Please see the [Justice Involved Youth Case Management and Pre-Release Services](#) provider manual and [Provider Bulletin](#) for additional information. Providers interested in delivering these services are encouraged to contact Ashley Lauing, Policy Strategy Manager, at Ashley.Lauing@state.sd.us for more information.

High Index Lenses Billing Reminder

As a reminder High Index Lenses must be billed using HCPCS V2782 or V2783. Providers should not append modifier 22 to other procedure codes to bill for high index lenses. Please see the [Provider Bulletin](#) for additional information.



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