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**Attention: Private Duty Nursing Agencies**

**From: South Dakota Medicaid**

**RE: Immediate Family Members/Members of the Household Providing Care**

In compliance with federal regulations under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, South Dakota Medicaid implemented electronic visit verification (EVV) requirements for Home Health and Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services effective January 1, 2024. EVV requires collection of the type of service performed, the individual receiving the service, the date of the service, location of the service, the time the service begins and ends, and the individual providing the service.

After reviewing the first year of data, South Dakota Medicaid identified instances where recipients' immediate relatives or members of the recipient's household provided care to the recipient. South Dakota Medicaid regulations for Medicaid State Plan supported services prohibit immediate relatives or members of the recipient's household to render services and receive payment from South Dakota Medicaid.

The Administrative Rules of South Dakota Chapter [67:16:01:08](#) outlines services not covered, which include services provided by immediate relatives or members of the recipient's household. South Dakota Medicaid's [General Coverage Principles](#) Provider Manual also contains this reference.

Additionally, the [Private Duty Nursing](#) Provider Manual outlines Non-Covered PDN services including hours when one or more parent or guardian is at home unless during authorized sleep hours. The full list of Non-Covered services is contained in the Provider Manual.

South Dakota Medicaid approved Prior Authorizations remain valid as the recipients meet medical necessity to receive the services; however, the staff rendering the services cannot be immediate relatives or members of the recipient's household.

Within 30 days from the date of this letter, agencies must make other staffing arrangements in cases where the immediate relatives or members of the household are currently providing care.

Sincerely,

Heather Petermann  
Medicaid Director  
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