

# South Dakota Medicaid Provider News

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## Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Update

South Dakota Medicaid would like to thank providers for your assistance with the federal PERM (Payment Error Rate Measurement) audit conducted during SFY24 for claims billed during SFY23. Because of your cooperation and documentation of services, South Dakota's Medical Review Error Rates were 1.15% for CHIP and 0% for Medicaid. Both rates are below the national averages of 6.1% and 5.1%, respectively.

Identified errors related to signature requirements for independent mental health practitioners and billing units for school districts. As a reminder, [independent mental health practitioners](#) must complete and sign a recipient's treatment plan within 30 days of intake. Clarification was added to the [School District Provider Manual](#) on page 7 regarding timed units. South Dakota Medicaid encourages all providers to continually refer to the [Provider Billing Manuals](#) for expectations regarding services. The next PERM cycle will begin with services adjudicated July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Thank you again for your assistance.

## Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

South Dakota Medicaid encourages any provider who currently works with the PASRR program to be familiar with the [South Dakota PASRR Website](#). This website offers a variety of resources and trainings, contact information, as well as instructions on how to sign up for the PASRR Listserv.

## Peer Support Services

Effective June 1, 2024, Medicaid will begin covering individual and group peer support services to help Medicaid beneficiaries engaged in community mental health centers (CMHCs) and substance use disorder (SUD) agencies become and stay engaged in the recovery process and reduce the likelihood of relapse. Reimbursement for peer services will align with other non-clinical services such as doula services and community health worker services. The CMHC and SUD Agency provider manuals and fee schedules will be updated by June 1<sup>st</sup> to reflect coverage and billing guidance.

## Family Planning Billing Reminder

As a reminder, when family planning professional services are provided, providers must indicate this on the claim form by listing "F" in block 24-H. See the [Family Planning and Sterilization Services manual](#) for a list of procedure codes that the "F" may be listed with.



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