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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

Re: Esketamine Billing Instructions

As a reminder, South Dakota Medicaid requires a prior authorization for Esketamine (Spravato) nasal spray. Refer to the <u>Esketamine prior authorization criteria</u> for prior authorization requirements.

Providers must bill for the Esketamine drug using HCPCS code S0013. Associated professional services and observation time should be billed using the applicable evaluation and management (E/M) CPT code. CPT code 99205 is to be used for new patients, and 99215 is to be used for established patients.

Time providing professional services and observation that exceeds the time indicated by the initial E/M service code should be billed with CPT code 99417. Up to six units of CPT code 99417 are allowed per day.

The combination of codes S0013, 99205 or 99215, and 99417, is all-inclusive of Esketamine administration and observation services.

For additional E/M services billing guidance, refer to the Physician Services provider manual.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid