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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid School District and Birth to Three Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

Re: School District and Birth to Three Service Reminders

South Dakota Medicaid values the important work you do for children and families across our state. To help you stay informed and avoid common billing issues, we've put together some reminders and updates for School District and Birth to Three service providers.

Provider Enrollment and Maintenance

South Dakota Medicaid has a [Provider Enrollment and Maintenance webpage](#) complete with general provider enrollment information, a provider enrollment portal user guide, and provider enrollment portal training videos. Any questions you have regarding provider enrollment should be directed to SDMedicaidPE@state.sd.us or 866.718.0084.

Monthly Verification of Medicaid Eligibility

Medicaid eligibility changes for recipients periodically. To prevent claim denials, providers should verify each Medicaid recipient's eligibility monthly to avoid claim denial due to ineligibility. A recipient's eligibility can be verified in the [Medicaid portal](#). Refer to the [Eligibility Inquiry Training](#) for instructions on verifying eligibility.

Children Transitioning from the Primary Care Provider Program

Most Medicaid recipients participate in the Primary Care Provider (PCP) program and require a PCP referral for school district or Birth to Three services. Children who are eligible for Medicaid as a foster care, former foster care, or subsidized adoption programs are not required to participate in the PCP program. If a child enters into foster care or adoptive placement and no longer participates in the PCP program, the existing PCP referral is sufficient until a new referral can be obtained. The new referral may come from any individual physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. Refer to the [Referrals manual](#) for additional information.

Therapy Assistant Services

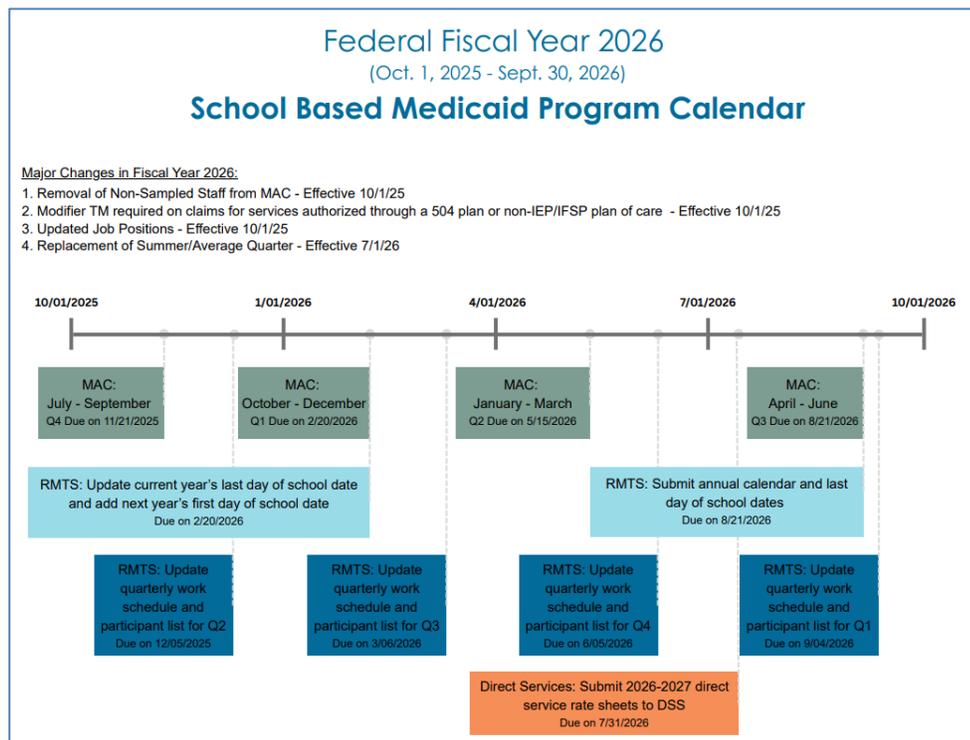
School district and Birth to Three providers may submit claims for speech, occupational, and physical therapy assistant services. Services provided by an assistant are required to be billed by the supervising therapist using the “HM” modifier for an SLPA, the “CO” modifier for an OTA, and “CQ” modifier for a PTA. Modifiers must follow the procedure code in box 24D on the CMS 1500 claim form. The supervising therapist’s NPI must be listed in box 24J of the CMS 1500 claim form. South Dakota Medicaid recommends that the supervising therapist review and sign documentation for submitted claims.

Non-IEP/IFSP Services (information applies to school districts only)

As a reminder, on October 1, 2025, South Dakota Medicaid began requiring school districts to apply the TM modifier to all claims in which the services provided to the student were authorized through a non-IEP or non-IFSP plan of care, like a 504 plan. All services authorized through an IEP or an IFSP should not list the TM modifier on the claim. View the full list of South Dakota Authorized Modifiers [here](#).

School Based Medicaid Resources (information applies to school districts only)

As previously announced, South Dakota Medicaid has created a [School Based Medicaid Program webpage](#) to provide resources specific to school district providers. School Based Medicaid Program Calendars for Federal Fiscal Year [2026](#) and [2027](#) were recently added to the webpage to outline existing program deadlines and the timing of upcoming changes to the program, as shown in the snip below.



Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid