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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Ground Ambulance Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

Re: Medicaid Coverage of Ground Ambulance Services with No Transport

South Dakota Medicaid is reminding ground ambulance providers that medically necessary services provided at the pick-up point are covered if an ambulance has been dispatched, but the recipient is not transported.

Providers should use **A0429 (Emergent ground ambulance base fee, BLS)** to bill Medicaid for these services. Do not use A0998 to bill for these services as South Dakota Medicaid does not recognize this code and it will not result in reimbursement.

For additional information regarding Medicaid coverage of ambulance services, please refer to the [Ground Ambulance Services](#) provider manual. For reimbursement rates, please refer to the [Transportation](#) fee schedule.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid