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ATTENTION: **Nursing Home and Assisted Living Providers**

FROM: **Adult Services and Aging**

RE: **PERM Errors**

Adult Services and Aging would like to take this opportunity to share errors encountered during South Dakota's most recent federal Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) audit. Please read the information carefully and update your billing practices as necessary to avoid future errors.

The PERM results highlighted that providers are not billing the therapeutic leave and the physician's approval is often not obtained prior to the leave.

- Although the payment is the same, the therapeutic leave must be identified on the claim with the revenue code 183 and the appropriate units. Locator boxes 35-36 must show the occurrence span code 74 and the dates of the therapeutic leave.
- Therapeutic leave must be approved by the provider responsible for the overall care of the recipient. The approval must be obtained prior to the leave. Up to 15 days of consecutive leave are allowed before the recipient has to return to the Assisted Living for at least 24 hours.

The PERM results highlighted that many providers are not including the Attending Physician's National Provider Identifications (NPI)

- The attending provider, who is the individual provider responsible for the overall care of the recipient, in the billing facility on the date of service, is required on ALL claims in Locator 76. The populated NPI must be an individual (type 1) NPI. Remember an individual (type 1) NPI is a provider type who is eligible to enroll as an individual provider with SD Medicaid (example: MD or PA).

Please review the Institutional Billing Manual for further details:
http://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/MEDSRVCS/institutional.pdf

Please contact South Dakota Medicaid claims unit at 1-800-452-7691 with any questions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.