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**Strong Families - South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future**

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**ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Providers**

**FROM: South Dakota Medicaid**

**RE: New Eligibility Group: Prenatal Care for Unborn Children Program**

The South Dakota Legislature passed House Bill 1110 providing pregnancy-related coverage from conception to birth for unborn children when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid. The legislation is effective July 1, 2016. South Dakota Medicaid's coverage for this program begins July 1, 2016. **Please note that individuals eligible under this group are restricted to the same prenatal benefits as South Dakota Medicaid's Pregnancy Only Limited Coverage Program. After the child is born, coverage for the mother ends; this program does not include post-partum services following the birth of the child.**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**When will South Dakota Medicaid start providing coverage to this group?**

Medicaid coverage for individuals eligible for the Prenatal Care for Unborn Children Program begins July 1, 2016.

**How do I determine if a recipient is covered under the Prenatal Care for Unborn Children Program?**

You may determine coverage for individuals eligible for this program in the same way you determine eligibility for other Medicaid programs. Individuals eligible for this coverage will be part of the Prenatal Care for Unborn Children Program .

**How do I bill for services?**

The mother of the unborn child will receive a Medicaid ID number when determined eligible for this program. Use the mother's Medicaid ID number to bill for services. Please note that coverage for pregnancy-related services under this program will end following the birth of the child. The child may be independently eligible for Medicaid coverage. Please encourage the mother to report the birth to DSS.

**What services are covered?**

Individuals eligible under this group will receive the same benefits as South Dakota Medicaid's Pregnancy Only Limited Coverage Program. All services must be directly related to the pregnancy. Please note that eligible services under the Prenatal Care for Unborn Children Program will not be continued post-partum. However, the child may be independently eligible for Medicaid coverage. Please encourage the mother to report the birth to DSS.

**Are post-partum services covered?**

Federal regulations do not allow South Dakota Medicaid to provide separate post-partum services for this program. However, federal regulations allow South Dakota Medicaid to use global pregnancy codes for payment. Post-partum visits included in the global pregnancy code are allowed. Post-partum services outside of the global pregnancy code are not allowed and will not be covered by South Dakota Medicaid.

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