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ATTENTION: Independent Mental Health Practitioners

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Newly Eligible Mental Health Practitioners

Effective December 1, 2018, the following independent mental health practitioners will be eligible to provide and bill South Dakota Medicaid for covered services if appropriately enrolled:

- Licensed professional counselor working toward a mental health designation;
- Licensed marriage and family therapists; and
- Certified social worker – PIP candidates.

The South Dakota Legislature approved funding for these providers during the 2018 legislative session and the Department of Social Services (DSS) is currently updating Administrative Rule of South Dakota Chapter 67:16:41 to recognize these providers as eligible Medicaid providers. Copies of the proposed rules are available at <http://rules.sd.gov> and will be considered by the Interim Rules Committee on November 20, 2018. Information about the rules hearing is available at <http://sdlegislature.gov/>.

Program Requirements

The same requirements and coverage limitations for current independent mental health practitioners apply to newly eligible mental health practitioners. Newly eligible mental health providers should review the [Professional Provider Billing Manual](#) including chapter 1 regarding general South Dakota Medicaid information and chapter 12 regarding independent mental health practitioner services. These materials are available online at: <https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/providers/>

Enrollment

To enroll as one of the newly eligible provider types an individual must meet one of the following definitions:

- “Licensed professional counselor working toward a mental health designation” an individual who is licensed as a licensed professional counselor pursuant to [SDCL 36-32-13](#) and is working toward a mental health designation under the supervision required by [SDCL 36-32-42](#).
- “Licensed marriage and family therapist” an individual licensed pursuant to [SDCL 36-33-9](#) or [36-33-18](#).
- “Certified social worker – PIP candidate” an individual as defined in [ARSD 20:59:01:01](#) who is licensed as a certified social worker under [SDCL 36-26-14](#) and is working toward becoming a certified social worker – PIP under an approved supervision agreement as required by [ARSD 20:59:05:05](#).

Individuals meeting these license requirements may begin the Medicaid enrollment process. To get started, an individual must have a Type 1 (individual) NPI. If an individual does not have an NPI, please visit <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/> for additional information. Once an individual has an NPI the online enrollment process can begin. Please go to <https://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/becomeprovider/> for additional information and to get started. Please note the following as you are completing your online enrollment application:

- *Application Type*: Select individual-servicing or individual-regular, refer to the website for additional information about which to select.
- *Requested effective date*: December 1, 2018 or thereafter.
- *Specialization (taxonomy code)*:
 - 101YP2500X – Professional counselor (for LPC working towards PIP designation)
 - 106H00000X – Marriage & Family Therapist
 - 104100000X – Social worker (for CSW working towards MH designation)

Applications must be submitted and required documentation must be emailed within 30 days of the application start date or the application will be rejected or denied. Questions about the enrollment process may be directed to the South Dakota Medicaid Provider Enrollment team via email at sdmedxgeneral@state.sd.us or by calling 1-866-718-0084.

Sincerely,
South Dakota Medicaid