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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:** FQHC/RHC Policy Clarifications

South Dakota Medicaid is notifying FQHCs and RHCs of recent policy clarifications. These clarifications are reflected in our [FQHC and RHC Services](#) manual.

### **Topical Fluoride Varnish**

A topical fluoride varnish provided by an FQHC/RHC at a medical encounter and billed under CDT code D1206 is currently reimbursed at the fee schedule rate. For claims submitted on or after January 1, 2020 a topical fluoride varnish must be billed under CPT code 99188. Topical fluoride varnishes billed under CPT code 99188 will continue to be reimbursed on a fee for service basis. The maximum reimbursement rate is listed on the [Physician Service](#) fee schedule. The reimbursement is in addition to the FQHC/RHC per diem rate and the procedure may be included on the same claim as a per diem encounter. This change is not applicable to dental claims. Dental encounter claims submitted to our dental vendor, Delta Dental, should continue to be billed using CDT code D1206.

### **Standalone Vaccine/Immunization Services**

Vaccines/immunizations and their administration are factored into each provider's encounter rate and are reimbursed as part of the encounter rate when furnished incidental to a reimbursable medical encounter. It is recommended that providers screen a recipient's immunization status and administer appropriate vaccines/immunizations when seeing a recipient for their well-child or well-adult visit. For purposes of data collection, it is required that immunizations provided during an encounter be included on the encounter claim.

South Dakota Medicaid is clarifying that FQHCs/RHCs are allowed to bill for vaccines/immunizations and the associated administration provided on a date of service when a billable medical encounter did not occur. Standalone vaccines/immunizations and the associated administration code are reimbursed on a fee for service basis. The maximum reimbursement rate is listed on the [Physician Services](#) fee schedule.

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Standalone vaccines/immunizations may not be billed under the FQHCs/RHCs billing NPI. FQHC/RHCs billing for standalone vaccines/immunizations must utilize/acquire a separate billing NPI under a group enrollment with associated servicing NPIs and bill accordingly. The servicing provider must be enrolled with South Dakota Medicaid. For more information on how to utilize a separate billing NPI, please contact South Dakota Medicaid.

Vaccines/immunizations may not be administered on a separate day than an FQHC/RHC encounter for the purpose of increasing the provider's reimbursement. Services that are normally rendered during a single visit may not be unbundled for the purpose of generating multiple encounters. FQHC/RHCs must not develop procedures or otherwise ask recipients to make repeated or multiple visits to complete what is considered a reasonable and typical office visit, unless it is medically necessary.

### **Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)**

South Dakota Medicaid is clarifying that MAT is considered a medical encounter. An FQHC/RHC may bill for both MAT and behavioral health counseling services provided in accordance with [ARSD Ch. 67:18:48](#) on the same day and receive two encounter payments. As a reminder FQHC/RHCs must be accredited by the Division of Behavioral Health as a substance use disorder agency to bill Medicaid for services covered under [ARSD Ch. 67:18:48](#).

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid