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ATTENTION: Speech Language Pathologists

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Telemedicine Services

Effective February 1, 2019, South Dakota Medicaid will allow Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) services to be provided via telemedicine once a patient-provider relationship has been established. The initial evaluation must be done face-to-face, and a face-to-face session must occur every 90 days thereafter. SLP providers must be enrolled as a servicing provider with South Dakota Medicaid. The only CPT code allowed to be billed via telemedicine is 92507.

Telemedicine services must be provided using a real-time, two-way, interactive communication between the enrolled SLP located at a distant site and a recipient physically located at an originating site. A "distant site" is the physical location of the practitioner providing services via telemedicine. An "originating site" is the physical location of the Medicaid recipient at the time the service is provided. As a reminder, the distant and originating site may not be located in the same community unless the originating site is a nursing facility. Telemedicine services must be provided by an SLP. Speech Language Pathologist Assistants (SLPAs) are not allowed to bill for services via telemedicine.

Telemedicine services provided at a distant site must be billed with a GT modifier to indicate the service was provided via telemedicine. All service limitations and requirements for face-to-face services apply to telemedicine services.

Most originating sites are eligible to receive a facility fee for each completed telemedicine transaction. Please note that the originating site must be an enrolled provider and the facility must be billed using HCPC code Q3014. The following originating sites are approved to bill a facility fee:

- Office of a physician or practitioner
- Outpatient Hospital
- Critical Access Hospital
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinic
- Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)
- Nursing Facilities

The originating site should bill using the Q3014 HCPC code. The originating site and distant site may be a home or other facility which can provide real-time, two-way interactive communication. For

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ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-305-9673 (TTY: 711).

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professional services provided at the distant site, all telemedicine services must be billed with the modifier GT to indicate the service was provided via telemedicine. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to payment recoupment or other action as decided by the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Medical Services at 605-773-3495.

Thank you,

South Dakota Medicaid