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ATTENTION: Provider and Billing Professionals

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Updates to the COVID-19 FAQ

South Dakota Medicaid continues evaluate and add flexibilities to the Medicaid program to allow providers to address the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and meet the needs of Medicaid recipients. South Dakota Medicaid has added the following information about coverage and flexibilities since the last release of the Provider FAQ:

COVID-19 serology/antibody testing

Serology testing is covered by South Dakota Medicaid under the following conditions:

- The test must be medically necessary and cannot be used for the convenience of recipients.
- The test must be performed using a test with FDA Emergency Use Authorization.
- The test must have 99% or higher sensitivity and 99% or higher specificity.

Serology testing is covered under HCPCS 86769 and 86328. Claims for serology testing for COVID-19 must include the name and developer of the test.

South Dakota's maximum allowable reimbursement rate for HCPCS code 86769 will be \$42.13 and \$45.23 for HCPCS code 86328.

Billing for these codes is retroactive to April 10, 2020. Providers may begin billing these codes on June 25, 2020.

Serology testing is not currently being recommended by the CDC.

Remote Patient Monitoring

South Dakota Medicaid temporarily covers remote patient monitoring for a recipient diagnosed with COVID-19, who has not recovered, and meets one of the following additional criteria:

- The recipient was hospitalized due to COVID-19 and further monitoring is required after discharge; or
- The recipient is at risk for severe illness due to being 65 years or older or an assisted living facility; or
- The recipient is at risk for severe illness due to having an underlying medical condition

including chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, a serious heart condition, being immunocompromised, severe obesity (a BMI of 40 or higher), diabetes, chronic kidney disease and undergoing dialysis, or liver disease.

A physician, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, or certified nurse midwife must order remote monitoring and document the medical necessity of the service. The technology used for remote patient monitoring must be approved for remote patient monitoring by the FDA.

A complete list of all of the coverage and flexibilities being offered by South Dakota Medicaid to address COVID-19 can be found on the [DSS COVID-19 Resources page](#) and the [Medicaid Provider FAQ](#).