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ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Medicaid Postpartum Coverage and Elective Postpartum Procedures

Recently passed legislation under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act requires states to implement procedures that prevent termination of Medicaid eligibility for any recipient during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). Eligibility will be maintained for recipients until the end of the month in which the PHE ends.

Medicaid postpartum coverage typically ends at the end of the month following a 60-day postpartum period. For example, if a woman gave birth on February 5, her postpartum eligibility would end on April 30. Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, her eligibility will be extended until the end of the month in which the COVID-19 PHE ends, allowing providers to postpone elective postpartum procedures.

Providers should closely monitor postpartum eligibility when scheduling surgeries following the end of the PHE to ensure all services are performed by the end of the month in which the COVID-19 PHE ends. Providers should also ensure that the appropriate documentation and forms are maintained for postpartum procedures. More information can be found in the [Billing and Policy Manuals](#).

Information about a recipient's eligibility can be found using the Medicaid [Provider Online Portal](#).

Thank you for the care you provide to South Dakota Medicaid Recipients.