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ATTENTION: Provider and Billing Professionals

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: January 2021 Updates to the COVID-19 FAQ: Reimbursement for COVID-19 Testing, Monoclonal Antibody Therapy, and COVID-19 Vaccination

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 updated the following information about coverage and flexibilities since the last release of the Provider FAQ:

COVID-19 Testing

What is the reimbursement rate for the test for COVID-19?

South Dakota Medicaid's maximum allowable reimbursement rate for HCPCS code U0001 is \$35.91 and \$51.31 for U0002. Effective January 1, 2021 the maximum allowable reimbursement for HCPCS U0003 and U0004 is \$75. Providers may bill the add on code U0005, if the testing was completed within two calendar days. The two days for completing the test accounts for the entire testing process from sample collection to the submission of the results. The rates are based on the South Dakota's Medicare Administrative (MAC) contractor rate.

How do providers need to bill for U0005?

HCPCS code U0003 or U0004 must be listed first on the claim before U0005. Claims without both HCPCS codes in the correct order will deny.

If a claim is submitted incorrectly, you must void the entire claim. The HCPCS codes are required to be billed together, both codes must be denied or voided before you can resubmit the claim. Instructions for how to void a claim are located in the CMS 1500 Void and Adjustment Request Manual.

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

Does Medicaid cover Monoclonal Antibody Therapy?

Yes, Medicaid covers Monoclonal Antibody Therapy in accordance with [Medicare guidelines](#).

- Q0239 and Q0243 are reimbursed at \$0.
- M0239 and M0243 are reimbursed at \$309.60.

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ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-800-305-9673 (TTY: 711).

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy services provided by a FQHC or RHC is covered as an incidental service if it is provided on the same day as an encounter. An FQHC or RHC can bill the service as fee-for-service if no encounter visit occurs on the same day.

COVID-19 Vaccination

Does Medicaid cover the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, South Dakota Medicaid covers the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine(s) that have received Emergency Use Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration. South Dakota Medicaid's maximum allowable reimbursement rate for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is based on the Medicare rate. The maximum allowable reimbursement rate for the initial dose is \$16.94 and \$28.39 for the second dose.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine should be billed using CPT code 91300 with the applicable administration code: CPT 0001A (1st dose) or CPT code 0002A (2nd dose). Upon receiving Emergency Use Authorization, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine should be billed using CPT code 91301 with the applicable administration code: CPT code 0011A (1st dose) or CPT code 0012A (2nd dose).

Can pharmacists receive reimbursement for administration of COVID-19 vaccine and COVID-19 testing?

In accordance with the PREP Act and state law, the State covers the administration of COVID-19 vaccines by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians. In addition, the State covers pharmacist ordered and administered COVID-19 tests as well as COVID-19 tests administered by pharmacy interns and technicians.