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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers
From: South Dakota Medicaid
RE: Federal PDMP Requirements for Prescribers

As a reminder, effective October 1, 2021, Medicaid prescribers are required to comply with requirements in Section 1944 of the Social Security Act (SSA). Prescribers must check the prescription drug history of a Medicaid recipient being prescribed a controlled substance included in **schedule II** of section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act. Prescribers are not required to check drugs in schedule III, IV, or V, but are recommended to do so if they suspect fraud or abuse.

The prescription drug history must be checked before the schedule II prescription is issued. The prescriber must use the South Dakota Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (SD PDMP) or another Qualified Prescription Drug Monitoring Program as described in Section 1944 of the SSA if the prescription is issued or filled in another state. The prescriber should at minimum review the most recent 12-month period. A supervising prescriber's approved delegate may access the PDMP data, but the prescriber remains responsible for assessing the data prior to making a prescribing decision.

The SSA exempts prescribers from having to check the PDMP for the following individuals:

- Individuals receiving hospice or palliative care;
- Individuals receiving treatment for cancer;
- Individuals that are a resident of a long-term care facility, of a facility described in section [1905\(d\) of the SSA](#), or of another facility for which frequently abused drugs are dispensed for residents through a contract with a single pharmacy.

In the case that a prescriber is not able to check the PDMP despite a good faith effort by the prescriber, the prescriber must document such good faith effort, including the reason(s) why the prescriber was not able to check the PDMP. If a pharmacist checks the PDMP on behalf of a prescriber, it must be documented in the medical record. Prescribers may be required to submit, upon request, such documentation to Medicaid.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid