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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Reducing an Unprecedented Rise in Syphilis Rates

Dear Medicaid Providers,

In 2021, South Dakota had 874 syphilis infections (1050% 5-year median increase) and 16 congenital and four syphilitic stillbirths (700% 5-year median increase). The SD Department of Health has released a comprehensive explanation of risk factors, screening/treatment recommendations, and how local Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) can assist. The full report can be found here along with infographics.

We would also like to remind providers that South Dakota Medicaid covers testing and treatment for syphilis. For more information on covered services please refer to the linked billing manual.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid