

## **Inflationary Reimbursement Rate Increases Implemented**

South Dakota Medicaid increased most reimbursement rates by 6.0 percent effective July 1, 2022. Please review our bulletin for a list of services that were increased. The increased reimbursement rates are reflected on our fee schedules. Providers should continue to submit claims and bill South Dakota Medicaid as they did prior to July 1, 2022. Fee schedules list the maximum allowable reimbursement amount. Providers must bill for services at their usual and customary amount and payment for services is limited to the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or the fee schedule amount. As a reminder Medicaid payment along with cost sharing if applicable is payment in full. Recipients may not be billed for any remaining balance.

## **Health Home Quality Incentive Payments Issued**

Medicaid issued Health Home Quality Incentive Payments in June. The payments reward high performing health homes as well as improved performance among Health Homes. More information about this payment can be found on our Health Home webpage.

## **Community Health Worker Updates**

Medicaid has implemented additional flexibilities regarding Community Health Workers (CHWs) coverage. Previously services were limited to 2 units per day per recipient. CHW agencies may now bill up to 4 units per day per recipient. In addition, dentists are now eligible to order CHW services for a recipient and prepare the care plan. CHW services also received a targeted rate increase effective July 1, 2022. The new rates are listed on the CHW fee schedule.

Currently, South Dakota Medicaid has education and training requirements CHWs must meet. Effective January 1, 2023 Medicaid will transition from establishing education and training requirements to requiring CHWs be certified by the Community Health Worker Collaborative of South Dakota in order for the service to be covered by Medicaid.

## **Provider Enrollment Application Reminder**

Providers must attach all supporting documentation with applications in the Provider Enrollment Portal. The documentation should not be submitted via email. Submitting documents in the portal helps speed up processing time.



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