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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Independent Mental Health Practitioner Administrative Rule Change

The South Dakota Interim Rules Review Committee approved rule changes to the Mental Health Services by Independent Practitioners chapter on August 23, 2022. Effective September 12, 2022, Independent Mental Health Practitioners (IMHPs) are allowed to provide medically necessary mental health treatment prior to completing the diagnostic assessment if the provider has made a provisional diagnosis that the recipient has a mental health disorder. The diagnostic assessment must still be completed within 30 days of the initial face-to-face visit.

Additional information regarding coverage and limitations is available in the [Independent Mental Health Practitioners](#) manual.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid