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Attention: Pharmacist and Prescribers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

Re: Narrow Therapeutic Index

The South Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee has recommended that Medicaid cease using a Narrow Therapeutic Index (NTI) list.

Currently, brand drugs listed on the NTI list do not require a brand necessary prior authorization (PA) before being dispensed. The majority of these drugs are anticonvulsants and thyroid preparations.

Check the current [South Dakota Narrow Therapeutic Index](#) for specific medications.

After July 1, 2023 all pharmacy claims submitted with a DAW1 will require a PA. We encourage you to work with your patients and prescribers to transition these patients to generic alternatives. For patients where a clinical reason exists for the brand drug, a PA must be obtained prior to July 1.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid

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