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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid School Based Service Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

Re: South Dakota Medicaid Care Management Referrals

South Dakota Medicaid is pleased to announce changes to our referral requirements for School District services. Historically, all school district claims required a referral from a child's Care Management provider (PCP) or an individual physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner if the child did not participate in managed care.

Effective immediately, there is now additional flexibility regarding who can be the referring provider. The claim form still requires the NPI of an eligible referring provider. Please refer to the table below for updated allowable referring providers:

Service/Plan	Eligible Referring Type
504 plan or other non-IEP or non-IFSP plan of care	• Physician; • Physician assistant; • Nurse practitioner; or • Child's Care Management provider
Nursing Services	• Physician; • Physician assistant; • Nurse practitioner; or • Child's Care Management provider
IEP/IFSP Services	• Physician; • Physician assistant; • Nurse practitioner; • Child's Care Management provider; or • Applicable servicing provider (Such as the psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, or audiologist)

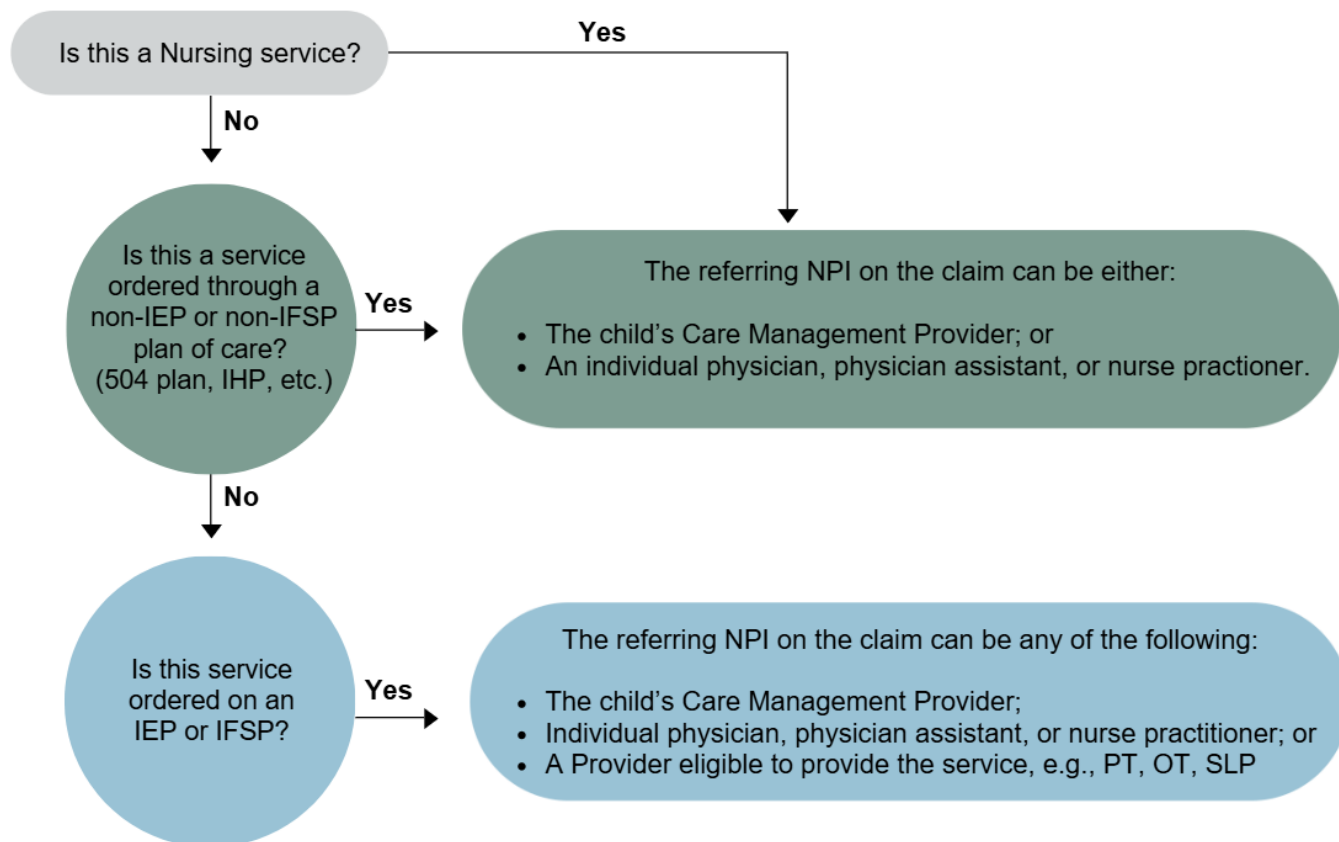
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New Process

A flowchart with the updated referral requirements is available on our [School Based Medicaid Program webpage](#) as shown below.



For all service types, please ensure that all information is accurately entered on the claim to avoid denials. Refer to the [CMS 1500 Claim Instructions](#) provider manual and the [Medicaid Portal CMS 1500 Submission Guide](#) for detailed information about each field of the claim form. Refer to the [School District Services](#) provider manual for additional billing requirements.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid