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ATTENTION: Primary Care Physicians

**FROM: Kirby Stone, Division Director, Medical Services
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**RE: Enhanced Payments for Certain Services Furnished by Certain
Primary Care Physicians and Charges for Vaccine Administration
under the Vaccines for Children Program**

Pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, certain primary care physicians will be eligible for enhanced payments for eligible primary care services provided between 1/1/2013 and 12/31/2014. Physicians must be certified by the American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in Family Practice, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, or any sub-specialty under Family Practice, Pediatrics or Internal Medicine. South Dakota Medicaid matched currently enrolled physicians to board certified physicians in the applicable specialties as of November 30, 2012 to make an initial determination of eligibility. **South Dakota Medicaid mailed notifications on December 27, 2012 with expected delivery after January 1, 2013, to identified eligible physicians based on board certification for CY2013.**

Those services eligible for enhanced payments include evaluation and management codes 99201 through 99499 and vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473, and 90474. Only codes that are currently covered under the South Dakota Medicaid will be eligible for the enhanced payment. A separate fee-schedule of the enhanced rates will be made available to providers on SDMEDX at <https://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/feeschedules/dss/index.aspx> after Medicare has established the 2013 Medicare rates.

Other physicians may be determined eligible by completing a self-attestation form to certify either board certification or that 60% of claims billed to Medicaid for calendar year 2012 were for eligible codes. To be eligible for enhanced payment for the selected vaccine administration codes, providers must be enrolled and participating in the Vaccines for Children Program. Advanced Practice Clinicians will be eligible for enhanced payments if they are supervised by an eligible physician. Advanced Practice Clinicians will be required to self-attest.

South Dakota Medicaid has assembled a list of frequently asked questions to assist providers with common questions. You may access the list of frequently asked questions online at SDMEDX at <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/providers.aspx> under Provider Bulletins.

If you have further questions or would like additional assistance please contact our office at 605-773-3495.