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Re: Prescriber DEA Number

Dear South Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Provider:

In order to allow the Department to insure accurate submission of pharmacy claims for third party payment and according to Administrative Law of South Dakota 67:16:14:14(17), Medicaid will require that the prescribing physician's DEA number be submitted on pharmacy claims. The prescribing physician's Medicaid number or the physician's last name will no longer be accepted. The DEA number should be transmitted in the "Prescriber ID" field, which is the field number 411-DB.

You may begin transmitting claims with the physician's DEA number immediately. However, South Dakota Medicaid will begin denying claims for invalid DEA beginning **December 27, 2005**.

If you do not know a prescriber's DEA number you may temporarily substitute your pharmacy's DEA number in order to dispense a prescription in a timely manner. After you are able to locate the proper DEA you are expected to reverse and resubmit the claim, so that the proper prescriber can be identified. Any abuse of this policy may result in recovery of paid claims by the Department of Social Services.

Please contact your software vendor if you have questions about making the proper changes to the information you transmit on Medicaid pharmacy claims. Please feel free to contact me if you have other questions about this change.

Sincerely,

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