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Attention: Institutional Billers

RE: Readmission within 72 Hours of Discharge

South Dakota Medicaid has revised policy for the payment of hospital services in relation to readmission. Effective immediately, a readmission within 72 hours from the time of discharge to the same hospital for a related diagnosis is considered a continuation of the prior admission for payment purposes.

More information regarding the payment of hospital services can be found in the *South Dakota Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual*. The manual can be accessed online at SD MEDX by visiting: <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/billingmanuals/index.aspx>.

If you have further questions or would like additional assistance please contact our office at the above address.