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Dear South Dakota Medicaid Provider:

In our continuing efforts to improve health outcomes and maximize cost efficiency, on September 1, 2014 South Dakota Medicaid will require prior authorizations on most medical services received more than 50 miles outside of the state of South Dakota, except Bismarck, North Dakota. This applies to all Medicaid recipients, except those in DSS custody.

When referring a Medicaid recipient, including those not in managed care, to services out-of-state, a completed Prior Authorization Request Form is to be submitted upon referral and must include an explanation of the need for out-of-state care when an in-state option is available. The referring provider is expected to initiate the out-of-state prior authorization process and provide supporting medical records.

A completed Prior Authorization Request Form, medical records supporting medical necessity, and medical records supporting the need for the recipient to receive the care out-of-state must be submitted to South Dakota Medicaid for most out-of-state services. Services that **do not** require prior authorization to be provided out-of-state include certain lab, radiology or pathology services, durable medical equipment, and pharmacy. Please note services that require prior authorization regardless of location will continue to require prior authorization. See the full list of services that require prior authorization at <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/programinfo/pa/index.aspx>.

The Prior Authorization Request Form, Frequently Asked Questions, and additional information are also available at: <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/programinfo/pa/index.aspx>.

Prior authorization by South Dakota Medicaid does not guarantee payment. The provider must be an enrolled South Dakota Medicaid provider and must submit a timely and accurate claim. Also, the Medicaid recipient must be eligible for coverage on the date of service.

Please email questions to Medical@state.sd.us or call our office at 605-773-3495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirby L. Stone'.

Kirby L. Stone
Medicaid Director
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