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Dear :

After careful consideration and review, the South Dakota Medical Assistance Program will be implementing a change regarding the timely filing period for claims to be submitted for payment.

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:16:35:04 provides the current timely filing limits. Claims must be submitted no more than 12 months following the month the service was provided, unless one or more of the following situations exist:

1. The claim is an adjustment or void of a previously paid claim and is received within six months after the previously paid claim.
2. The claim is received within six months after a retroactive initial eligibility determination was made as a result of an appeal.
3. The claim is received within six months after a previously denied claim.
4. The claim is received within six months after the provider receives payment from Medicare or private health insurance or receives a notice of denial from Medicare or private health insurance.
5. To correct an error made by the department.

ARSD 67:16:35:04 will be changed so that effective for services with dates of service starting July 1, 2010, claims must be submitted no more than 6 months following the month the service was provided. Additionally, the above listed exceptions to this limit will be changed as follows:

1. The claim is an adjustment or void of a previously paid claim and is received within three months after the previously paid claim.
2. The claim is received within three months after a previously denied claim.

All other provisions of the rule will remain unchanged. These changes are necessary to insure more claims are received and paid in the state fiscal year the service was actually provided. If you are not currently submitting claims electronically, please consider doing so as this significantly increases the adjudication process over submitting paper claims. Please contact Jodi Lehmkuhl at 605-773-3495 for more information on electronic claims submission.

Please contact me if you have questions concerning the changes in timely filing requirements.

Sincerely,

Larry Iversen
Medicaid Director