

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
(Proposed: May 08, 2014)

A public hearing will be held in the Kneip Conference Room 1, Kneip Office Building, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota on May 08, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., to consider the amendment of the following Medical Services rules for covered medical services for physician and other health services and for covered medical services for school districts:

Chapter 67:16:02, §§ 67:16:02:03 and 67:16:02:03.02; and Chapter 67:16:37, §§ 67:16:37:01, 67:16:37:03, 67:16:37:05, 67:16:37:10.01, 67:16:37:11, 67:16:37:14, and 67:16:37:15.

This meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Legislative Research Council (605-773-3251) in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

The effects of these rules as to covered medical services for physician and other health services will be to move the rate for anesthesia services to the fee schedule on the department's website and to remove invalid modifier codes. The effect of these rules as to covered medical services for school districts is to update terminology and licensing requirements for psychological evaluators, speech-language pathologists, speech-language pathology assistants, and audiologists and to remove redundant supervision requirements, to update terminology for care plans and to clarify the requirements of a care plan, to specify that covered nursing services include only those provided to treat a chronic medical illness and to remove the limit on the allowable units per day for covered nursing services, and to move the procedure codes for covered services to the department's website. The rules are being amended to update provisions and to align with terminology and requirements of the South Dakota Department of Health and South Dakota Department of Education.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the Ann Holzhauser, Division of Legal Services, Department of Social Services, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Social Services by May 18, 2014, to be considered.

For purposes of assisting the Department to fully understand the issues being addressed, individuals intending to present oral testimony at the hearing are asked to make a written copy of their testimony available to the Department. Written comments and testimony must relate directly to the changes being proposed and must cite the specific rule number to which the comments are being directed.

Interested persons may, at any time prior to the hearing, obtain copies of the proposed rules by contacting Ann Holzhauser, Division of Legal Services, Department of Social Services, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501. Copies of the proposed rules are also available at: <http://rules.sd.gov>.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the above-mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605)-773-3165.

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