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South Dakota Medical Assistance Providers
Attention: Obstetric and Family Practice Physicians

Dear Medical Providers:

Makena (Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate) may under certain circumstances be a covered service by the South Dakota Medical Assistance program. Prior authorization must be obtained before administration of the drug for coverage. Criteria and a prior authorization form will soon be available on the Medical Service's prior authorization website at <http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/includes/providers/programinfo/pa/index.aspx>. In the mean time, please contact Nicki Bartel, RN, RHIT at 605-773-3495 for prior authorization if a South Dakota Medical Assistance recipient requires the use of this medication.

Since Makena cannot be administered by the patient it is classified as physician administered. Physician administered drugs are not covered through the Medicaid pharmacy benefit and can not be billed by pharmacies; these agents must be billed by the prescribing physician or their facility.

Sincerely,

The Division of Medical Services