

## **Medicaid Work Requirements Waiver Information Sheet – South Dakota**

### **What are Medicaid work requirements?**

Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waivers provide states the ability to test new approaches in Medicaid that differ from federal program rules. In January 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) which provided guidance to states on making work/community engagement (CE) requirements a condition of obtaining Medicaid eligibility under Section 1115 demonstration waivers.

South Dakota has applied for a waiver and their request is still **pending**.

### **Who is affected by South Dakota’s waiver request?**

The waiver request affects adults between the ages of 19-29 who live in Pennington and Minnehaha Counties. There are exemptions, as listed below:

- Pregnant women
- Full time students
- Disabled
- Medically frail
- Those already meeting SNAP or TANF work requirements
- Caregivers of the disabled and medically frail
- Parents of children under the age of one

### **How can people satisfy the requirement?**

A person must work 80 hours per month or participate in the “Career Connector” program, which involves working with a state case worker to meet the goals of an “individualized” plan.

### **How are AI/AN people affected?**

While there are no reservations in either county, Sioux San Hospital, a Tribally run facility, is located in Rapid City, in Pennington County.

### **Has South Dakota applied for an AI/AN waiver?**

No. The proposal does state however that a tribe could create a state approved workforce development program in lieu of “Career Connector.”

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