

Provider Update

UPDATE: Ordering, Prescribing or Referring NPI Requirement Change

Summary: Effective December 1, 2014, institutional and professional claims must include the national provider identifier (NPI) of the ordering, prescribing or referring (OPR) provider if applicable.

What is the impact of this update?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) now requires physicians or other eligible practitioners to enroll in the Medicaid program to order, prescribe and refer items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries. The enrollment requirement is applicable to physicians or other eligible practitioners even if they do not traditionally submit claims to Medicaid.

In order to comply with the ACA mandate and Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), Amerigroup Community Care will institute the requirement that all OPR providers must have an active and valid Georgia Medicaid provider ID number associated with an individual (type 1) NPI.

Effective December 1, 2014, claims received from rendering providers and facilities for services that are ordered, prescribed or referred must contain the NPI of the Medicaid-enrolled ordering, prescribing or referring practitioner. The NPI will be validated against the Georgia Medicaid provider roster. Failure to report appropriately will result in a claim rejection.

OPR providers who do not have a Georgia Medicaid provider ID number must enroll to meet the new ACA program integrity requirement. Enrollment does not include a requirement to see Medicaid patients or to be listed as a Medicaid provider for patient assignments. Enrollment is designed to ensure that all orders, prescriptions, or referrals for items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries originate from appropriately licensed practitioners who have not been excluded from participation in Medicare or Medicaid. An online OPR enrollment application for a Georgia Medicaid provider ID is available at www.mmis.georgia.gov. Visit the *Provider Enrollment* page.

In addition, all providers may update the information in their Georgia Medicaid file by contacting the DCH Provider Enrollment Unit via the methods below.

- Phone: 770-325-9600 (local) or 1-800-766-4456 (toll free)
- Mail: Provider Enrollment Services
P.O. Box 105201
Tucker, GA 30085



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- Complete and return the applicable form found at www.mmis.georgia.gov:
 - NPI Submittal Form – use this form to add new or edit NPI information
 - Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids® Provider/Payee ID Number Change of Information Form – use this form to make modifications to provider information (e.g., address information, telephone number or taxpayer ID)

How do I transmit the ordering or referring information on a non-pharmacy claim?

For the NEW CMS-1500 claim form:

- Enter the two-digit qualifier to the left of the dotted line in box 17 (Ordering = DK; Referring = DN or Supervising = DQ) to indicate if the claim has an ordering, referring or prescribing provider.

For claims entered via Availity:

- Claims headers and detail were updated to accept ordering and referring provider NPI and name.

For claims transmitted via EDI:

- The 837 D, I and P companion guides were updated to specifically point out the provider loops that capture the rendering, ordering, referring and service facility provider information that is now used to transmit OPR information.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.

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