

Medicaid in Education Alert

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TO: All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

FROM: NYS OHIP & NYSED
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SUBJECT: NYS Medicaid Provider Enrollment Requirement for
Providers who Order/Refer School Supportive Health
Services

[Medicaid Alert #13-04](#) issued on April 4, 2013, informed SSHSP billing providers that SSHSP claims for dates of service on and after May 1, 2013 must contain the NPI of the ordering/referring provider. Beginning October 1, 2013, in order for billing providers (school districts and counties) to be reimbursed for SSHSP claims, the ordering/referring provider must also be enrolled as a NYS Medicaid provider. In this instance, ordering/referring providers include state licensed and currently registered physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and speech-language pathologists only. Physical therapists, occupational therapists, registered nurses, licensed psychologists and licensed social workers are not required to enroll in the NYS Medicaid program for SSHSP purposes.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and subsequent federal regulations (42CFR 455.410) include provisions requiring additional screening of Medicaid providers to improve the integrity of the Medicaid program and to reduce fraud, waste and abuse. To be in compliance with federal requirements, ordering/referring providers must be enrolled in state Medicaid programs if they continue to order or refer services reimbursed by fee-for-service (FFS). Out of state professionals ordering/referring services that will be billed to fee-for-service Medicaid must be enrolled in the NYS Medicaid program.

Reporting the NPI of the ordering/referring provider on the Medicaid claim will allow the NYS Medicaid billing system, eMedNY, to verify the status of the ordering/referring provider's enrollment with the NYS Medicaid program. Beginning October 1, 2013, SSHSP billing providers will not be

reimbursed by Medicaid for services that were ordered/referred by non-enrolled NYS Medicaid providers because of the ACA requirements.

Regarding billing for school supportive health services, school districts and counties should:

- Refer to the June 2012 Medicaid Update Article [Provider Enrollment Required for Ordering, Referring and Attending Practitioners](#) and the March 2013 Medicaid Update Article [Expedited Enrollment for Ordering, Prescribing, Referring & Attending Practitioners](#). In this instance, the term “attending practitioner” refers to a physician or physician assistant.
- Ensure that a provider who orders/refers or will order/refer SSHSP services for a student with an IEP is enrolled in the NYS Medicaid program.

Ordering/Referring Provider Enrollment Process

The New York State Department of Health is offering a streamlined ordering/prescribing/referring/attending (OPRA) enrollment process for non-billing providers (practitioners).

Licensed and currently registered physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and speech-language pathologists who only order/refer SSHSP services for students with disabilities may utilize the streamlined OPRA enrollment process at no cost. The streamlined process is solely used to enroll those providers in the NYS Medicaid program. It will not allow providers to become billing providers (directly bill Medicaid for their services). The online OPRA form is available at:

<https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>.

Medicaid Ordering/Prescribing/Referring/Attending (OPRA) Provider Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions have been posted on the eMedNY website and can be accessed online at:

https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/Core_OPRA_FAQs.pdf

Verification of Ordering/Referring Provider Enrollment

Enhancements have been made to the eMedNY system to provide an online, real-time response for billing providers to verify the enrollment status of ordering/referring providers. Billing providers can verify the Medicaid enrollment status of their ordering/referring providers online at:

<https://www.emedny.org/info/opra.aspx>.

For assistance with the ordering/referring provider enrollment application or with questions about a provider’s enrollment status, you can contact Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) directly at 1-800-343-9000 (#3-Clinic, #4-Billing).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this alert, please contact your local Regional Information Center representative or the NYS Education Department, Medicaid-in-Education Unit at medined@mail.nysed.gov or the NYS Department of Health at 518-473-2160.