



PROVIDER QUICK TIPS

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Ordering, Referring or Prescribing Providers

Federal law¹ requires providers who order, refer or prescribe a service or item submitted for payment to the Medical Assistance program must be enrolled in the Medical Assistance program. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will continue to inform providers when the ordering, referring or prescribing provider is not enrolled by returning the edit that states the ordering, referring or prescribing provider is “not on file”.

The following claim types MUST include the NPI of the ordering, referring or prescribing provider enrolled in the Medical Assistance program:

- Durable Medical Equipment/Medical Supplies
- Home Health Services
- Laboratory
- Imaging/Radiology
- Outpatient covered drugs
- Hospital claims (For inpatient stays, the NPI of the attending provider or the provider who has the overall responsibility for the patient’s medical care and treatment)
- Waiver claims (Further guidance will provide instruction on how to comply and be issued in the near future.)
- School based Access Program Claims

Medical residents (graduate medical trainees) may enroll in the Medical Assistance program or may list the supervising physician’s NPI on the claim. Applications for medical residents will soon be available on the MA Enrollment web site.

Medical Assistance bulletins will be released in the near future to relate additional guidance and instructions for compliance with this federal requirement.

Medical Assistance enrollment information can be found at the following website:
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/index.htm>

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Section 6401(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–152) amended Section 1902 of the Social Security Act, to add paragraphs (a) (77) and (kk). The Department of Health and Human Services regulation implementing this requirement can be found at 42 CFR § 455.410.

Thank you for your service to our MA recipients.
We value your participation.
Check the department’s website often at: www.dhs.pa.gov