Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Provider Enrollment Requirements

Federal law requires physicians and other practitioners who order, refer or prescribe items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries to be enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program. This includes providers who do not submit claims to the MA Program.

Billing providers may want to inform the MA beneficiary and the unenrolled ordering, referring or prescribing provider of the requirement and ask the provider to enroll in the MA program.

Claims submitted by the billing provider will be denied when the provider who ordered, referred or prescribed the service or drug is not enrolled in the MA program, even though the billing provider is enrolled in the MA program.

Unenrolled providers, who order, refer or prescribe items or services for MA beneficiaries, may access the Department of Human Services’ website for information on how to complete and submit a MA enrollment application.

Please see MA bulletins 99-16-07, 99-17-02 and 99-18-06 for information regarding the requirement to enroll for providers who order, refer and prescribe services to MA beneficiaries.