

Effective January 2013: Ordering- and Referring-Only Providers Must Enroll in Texas Medicaid; Impact on Provider Claims Filing

Information posted November 16, 2012

Beginning January 1, 2013, individual providers who are not currently enrolled in Texas Medicaid and whose only relationship with Texas Medicaid is to order or refer supplies or services for Texas Medicaid-eligible clients must enroll in Texas Medicaid as participating providers in accordance with provisions of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA).

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 42 §455.410(b) requires all ordering or referring physicians or other professionals who order or refer supplies and services under the Medicaid State plan, or under a waiver of the plan, to enroll in Medicaid as participating providers.

Ordering/Referring Provider Enrollment

In accordance with the ACA and 42 CFR §455.410(b), ordering and referring providers must enroll in Texas Medicaid to receive a Texas Provider Identifier (TPI).

Beginning January 1, 2013, ordering- and referring-only providers can use one of the following condensed application processes to enroll:

- Electronically, using Provider Enrollment on the Portal (PEP). Choose the check box for "Ordering/Referring Provider."
- On paper, using the streamlined Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application Order and Referring Providers Only paper application.

Ordering and referring providers do not submit claims to TMHP for rendered services. Although ordering and referring providers will not submit claims to Texas Medicaid, the ordering and referring provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be required on claims that are submitted by the providers that render the supplies or services.

Impact on Provider Claims Filing

Beginning January 1, 2013, all claims for services that require a physician order or referral must include the ordering or referring provider's NPI. Claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, that are submitted without the ordering or referring provider's NPI may be subject to retrospective review and denial if the NPI is not included on the claim.

Note: *The billing provider must submit the ordering or referring provider's NPI on claims beginning January 1, 2013, even if the ordering or referring provider is not yet enrolled in Texas Medicaid. The billing provider will be responsible for confirming that the ordering or referring provider has begun the enrollment process with TMHP.*

After a suitable period of time to allow for ordering- or referring-only providers to complete the enrollment process, claims will be subject to denial if the ordering or referring provider is not enrolled in Texas Medicaid. Providers will receive a minimum 45-day advance notice before claim denials will begin.

The billing provider will be responsible for confirming that an ordering or referring provider is enrolled in Texas Medicaid.

Additional information will be published in future articles.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.