The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 requires that physicians and other practitioners who prescribe or order services for Medicaid clients, or who refer Medicaid clients to other providers must be enrolled as participating Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and/or Medicare providers.

Section 42 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) §455.410(b) states "The State Medicaid agency must require all ordering or referring physicians or other professionals providing services under the State plan or under a waiver of the plan to be enrolled as participating providers."

Beginning January 1, 2013, providers whose only relationship with Texas Medicaid is to order or refer supplies or services for Texas Medicaid-eligible clients must be in compliance with ACA and section 42 CFR§455.410(b).

Additional information will be published in future articles regarding the impact for Long Term Care. At this time, this is being shared with LTC providers as information only and is important to many LTC providers because individuals served may be affected by this requirement for Medicaid acute care services if the ordering or referring provider is not enrolled in Texas Medicaid, CHIP, or Medicare.

For more information, call the TMHP LTC Helpdesk at 1-800-626-4117 or 1-800-727-5436.