

Implementation for Required Enrollment of All Ordering, Referring or Prescribing Providers to Begin January 15, 2018

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This is an update to the article titled, "[Delayed Implementation for Required Enrollment of All Ordering, Referring or Prescribing Providers](#)," which was published on this website on September 1, 2017. Beginning Jan. 15, 2018, claims for the payment of items and services ordered, referred or prescribed, must contain the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the physician or other professional who ordered, referred or prescribed the items or services. Additionally, all ordering, referring or prescribing providers must be enrolled as participating providers in Texas Medicaid. These requirements impact the Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services programs only. However, these requirements do not apply to out-of-network providers that order, refer or prescribe only for managed care members.

The [Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing Providers Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document is now available on this website.

The document contains questions and answers regarding the new enrollment requirements for Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing Providers (ORPs).

Claims for the payment of items or services ordered, referred and prescribed that do not include the NPI of the physician or other professional who ordered, referred or prescribed the items or services will be denied beginning on Jan. 15, 2018. Claims will also be denied if the ordering, referring or prescribing provider is not enrolled in the respective program.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is allowing a three-month grace period from Jan. 15, 2018, to April 16, 2018, during which claims not meeting these requirements will be initially denied and then reprocessed to allow providers additional time to complete enrollment and minimize client and provider impact.

Except for out-of-network providers who order items or services for managed care members, all providers who order, refer or prescribe for clients enrolled in Medicaid, HTW, or the CSHCN Services Program should begin the enrollment process immediately by completing the application online at tmhp.com/Pages/ProviderEnrollment/PE_TX_Medicaid_New.aspx.

These requirements were initially announced on July 15, 2016, to be effective on Oct. 1, 2017. However, HHSC delayed the effective date to January 15, 2018, due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey. These new requirements are necessary to ensure compliance with federal regulations 42 CFR 455.440 and 42 CFR 455.410.

Interns and Medical Residents

Interns cannot enroll and medical residents are not required to enroll in Texas Medicaid. For interns and residents who are not enrolled in Texas Medicaid:

- His or her licensed supervising physician must be reported as the ordering, referring or prescribing provider; and
- The NPI of the supervising physician must be listed on orders, referrals or prescriptions written by the interns or medical residents they supervise.

To be eligible for payment, the supervising physician or clinician's NPI must be included on claims for items or services that the intern or resident ordered, referred or prescribed. These requirements impact the Medicaid, HTW, and CSHCN Services programs only. These requirements do not apply to out-of-network providers that order, refer or prescribe only for managed care members.

For additional information, providers can call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.