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## **Attention Currently Enrolled Nevada Medicaid Providers: Ordering, Prescribing or Referring (OPR) Provider Enrollment Requirement Will Impact Claims Processing**

With the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all ordering, prescribing and referring physicians to be enrolled in the state Medicaid program (§455.410 Enrollment and Screening of Providers). Traditionally, most providers have enrolled in the Nevada Medicaid program to furnish covered services to Medicaid recipients and to submit claims for such services. However, the Affordable Care Act now requires physicians or other eligible practitioners to enroll in the Medicaid program to order, prescribe and refer items or services for Medicaid recipients, even when they do not submit claims to Medicaid.

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is actively working on the implementation of this new requirement and announcements regarding the effective date and enrollment process will be posted on this website. **Implementation is anticipated for the second quarter of 2014.**

### **Nevada Medicaid-enrolled billing providers please note:**

- If you currently provide services to a Nevada Medicaid recipient from an ordering, prescribing or referring provider, you must enter that OPR provider's name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) on the claim form.
- **Your claims may deny if the ordering, prescribing or referring provider entered on the claim is not enrolled as a Nevada Medicaid OPR provider.**
- The OPR provider must have an NPI and must be of a provider/specialty type that is eligible to order, prescribe and refer. These providers include, but are not limited to, provider type (PT) 14 specialty 305, PT 20, PT 24, PT 25, PT 26 specialty 162, PT 74 and PT 77.
- An enrollment application exclusively for OPR providers will be posted on the Provider Enrollment webpage at [www.medicaid.nv.gov](http://www.medicaid.nv.gov) in early 2014. Providers will be notified when the application is available.
- Interns, residents and fellows must have an NPI and submit an OPR Application to be able to order, prescribe and refer for Nevada Medicaid recipients.
- Physicians or other eligible professionals who are already enrolled in Medicaid as participating providers and who submit claims to Medicaid are not required to enroll separately as OPR providers.
- Please note that this extends to pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) systems as well. The POS system will deny, at the time of the pharmacy transaction, any claims submitted for a Medicaid recipient with a prescriber who is not enrolled as a Medicaid provider.
- This new requirement does not apply to orders, prescriptions or referrals for individuals enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO). It is applicable only to the Nevada Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid program.