



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

ATTENTION ALL LOUISIANA MEDICAID PROVIDERS
Important Information Concerning New Medicaid Requirements
For Enrolling Ordering, Prescribing and Referring Providers

OVERVIEW: The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires physicians or other practitioners who order, prescribe, or refer items or services to Medicaid recipients to enroll in the Medicaid Program, even when they do not submit claims to Medicaid. The ACA requirements are designed to ensure items or services for Medicaid recipients originate from appropriately licensed providers who have not been excluded from Medicare or Medicaid.

Individuals who order, prescribe, or refer items or services for Medicaid recipients, but choose not to submit claims to Medicaid, are referred to throughout this notice as "OPR providers."

Professional and Institutional Billing Providers should begin notifying any individuals who you report on fee-for-service claims as an Ordering, Prescribing or Referring provider that they must enroll with Louisiana (LA) Medicaid.

OPR Providers must understand the implications of failing to enroll in Medicaid. If you are an OPR provider, then the individuals and facilities who bill services for Medicaid recipients based on your order, prescription, or referral, **will not be paid** for those items or services unless you enroll in Medicaid.

Effective with claims using dates of service on or after September 1, 2016, LA Medicaid will deny fee-for-service claims that use Referring providers who are not enrolled as of the date of service. Providers should monitor the Louisiana Medicaid website for future information specific to Ordering providers.

LA Medicaid has established edits for issues with prescribing providers. See below for more information: [Prescribing Providers Encouraged to Enroll in Fee-for-Service \(FFS\) Medicaid - Effective January 19, 2016](#)

ENROLLMENT: Practitioners currently enrolled as participating providers in fee-for-service LA Medicaid are not required to enroll separately as an OPR provider.

Physicians and other eligible practitioners who choose to not bill for Medicaid services may enroll with an abbreviated Ordering, Prescribing, or Referring (OPR) application, found at the following link: http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/PTPO_OPR.pdf

Due to the large number of Practitioners needing to enroll, expect a two-month waiting period to have your application processed. Keep in mind that 'timely filing' claim requirements may be impacted while waiting for providers to be enrolled; therefore, applications should be submitted as quickly as possible.

IMPORTANT NOTE: These ACA requirements do not apply to providers listed on Medicare Crossover claims (Institutional or Professional). LA Medicaid will accept and process the Medicare claim with the understanding that Medicare has edited this information as the primary payer of the claim.