

MedStar Family Choice Maryland HealthChoice

Provider Alert

MDH Transmittals PT 80-24 Summer General Provider Updates

1. Provider NPI Specific per Location Requirement – Hospital Exclusion Update:

As communicated in the Maryland Department of Health Provider Transmittal (PT 51-24), Maryland Medicaid will no longer allow limited risk groups and facilities to share a National Provider Identifier (NPI) across multiple enrollments and each group or facility must enroll with a unique NPI. Groups and facilities already enrolled with a shared Type 2 Organizational NPI are required to obtain a unique NPI specific to each enrollment account. This requirement does not apply to providers with a Type 1 Individual NPI.

Excluded from this requirement are Provider Type (PT) NT Skilled Nursing Facility Therapy Group and Provider Type (PT) RX Pharmacy also enrolled as Provider Type 62 DMS/DME Provider. Please note that PT NT is a new provider type, replacing Provider type (PT) 28 Therapy Group Providers-EPSTD affiliated with a Provider Type (PT) 57 Nursing Facility. Additional information can be found in Section 4 of this transmittal. In addition, hospitals are now also excluded from the new NPI policy and can continue to share the same NPI across hospital enrollments

As providers report their new NPIs, the Program is updating their existing accounts and sharing this information with the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) on a weekly basis. This process is only intended to inform the MCO that the new NPI is enrolled and eligible to participate with MCOs.

Providers will need to contact MedStar Family Choice to register the new NPI.

Apply for and obtain additional NPI numbers from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) available at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/> or by phone at 1-800-465-3203 or 1- 800-692-2326 (NPI TTY).

2. Medicaid Provider Enrollment for MCO Self-Referred Services:

As communicated in the Maryland Department of Health Provider Transmittal PT 70-24 and outlined in COMAR 10.67.06.28, self-referred services do not require a primary care provider referral to access. Providers offering self-referred services are not obligated to join MCO networks; however, they must register as participating providers in Medicaid via ePREP.

Self-referred services are family planning services, services performed by a school-based health center, pregnancy-related services for participants who have received prenatal care from an out-of-plan provider, initial medical examination for children in State custody, annual diagnostic and evaluation service visit for participants with HIV/AIDS, renal dialysis services performed in a Medicare-certified facility, initial newborn medical examination when it is performed in a hospital by an on-call physician and the MCO failed to provide for the service before newborn's discharge from the hospital, comprehensive substance abuse assessment, and substance abuse services that meet the requirements outlined in COMAR 10.67.06.28(A)(9).



3. Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing Provider Updates:

Federal regulations require Medicaid to enroll all Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) providers in the Medicaid program for their services and prescriptions to be billable to Medicaid. Due to this requirement, on July 1, 2024, Maryland Medicaid will deny all fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy claims where the individual prescribing practitioner is not actively enrolled in Maryland Medicaid.

All practitioners—including medical trainees, interns, and unlicensed residents—who prescribe to Maryland Medicaid participants must be actively enrolled Medicaid providers in order for their prescriptions to be covered at the Point-of-Sale. Even if an individual prescribing practitioner is otherwise not required to be enrolled for submission of claims for rendered services, they must now enroll for Medicaid to reimburse pharmacies for their prescriptions under this policy. It is critical that prescribing practitioners enroll as soon as possible to ensure that Medicaid participants can continue to access the medications and services they need. Individual practitioners may enroll as either a fully participating (billing or rendering) provider, or an ORP only provider (does not bill for services or sign a full Provider Agreement).

Prescribing practitioners can check their Medicaid enrollment status via the Provider Verification System (PVS) and enroll through Maryland Medicaid's Electronic Provider Revalidation and Enrollment Portal (ePREP). Information, guides, and FAQs related to this policy are available on Medicaid's ORP Providers webpage.

You may view the full PT 80-24 Summer General Provider Updates Transmittal on the Maryland.gov website at https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/provider/Documents/Transmittals_FY2024/PT%2080-24%20Summer%20General%20Provider%20Updates.pdf

For questions regarding this alert, please contact the Provider Customer Service the Department at 800-261-3371.