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**Subject:** Medicaid Enrollment of Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners

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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid

## **Purpose**

This bulletin provides information describing the mandatory enrollment of licensed Physician Assistants (PAs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) who render, order, or bill for covered services to Medicaid beneficiaries. Starting October 1, 2012, these providers are to begin enrolling in the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS). As of January 1, 2013, PAs and NPs will no longer bill for rendered services under their delegating/supervising physician's National Provider Identifier (NPI) and must be uniquely identified on all claims.

## **Provider Enrollment of Physician Assistants**

PAs must enroll with an Individual (Type 1) NPI number as a Rendering/Service-Only provider. As a Rendering/Service-Only provider, services are strictly provided under the delegation and supervision of a physician licensed under part 170, part 175 or part 180 of Michigan Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended.

Upon enrollment, PAs are also required to affiliate themselves with the billing NPI of their respective delegating/supervising physicians. Individual PAs are not eligible for direct Medicaid reimbursement. Direct payment for services rendered by a PA will be issued to the PA's affiliated delegating/supervising physician, group or billing provider NPI. The NPI of the PA's delegating/supervising physician will also be required on claim submissions for reimbursement.

## **Provider Enrollment of Nurse Practitioners**

NPs who render services under the delegation and supervision of a physician are required to enroll with an Individual Provider (Type 1) NPI number as a Rendering/Service-Only provider. Under this type of enrollment, NPs are required to affiliate themselves with the billing NPI of their respective delegating/supervising physicians. Payment for NP services will be issued to the affiliated, delegating/supervising physician, group or billing provider NPI. The NPI of the NP's delegating/supervising physician will also be required on claim submissions for reimbursement.

The enrollment requirements and procedures for NPs who render services pursuant to formal, written provisions of a current collaborative practice agreement with a physician are unchanged from current policy as outlined in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Medicaid Provider Manual, Practitioner Chapter, Section 26.1. Direct payment for NP services may be made to these enrolled NP providers.

## **Additional Comments**

Provider enrollment procedures and regulations are outlined in the MDCH Medicaid Provider Manual. Additional information regarding provider enrollment is available at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) or by contacting Provider Support at 1-(800) 292-2550.

PAs and NPs, as eligible providers, must comply with all licensing laws, certification requirements, and regulations applicable to the provider's practice in Michigan. Additionally, enrolled PA and NP providers are subject to all the limitations that apply to physician services and to all applicable provisions set forth in the MDCH Medicaid Provider Manual.

Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) claim editing will be applied to the billing, rendering, supervising, attending, and referring providers as applicable. Payment for PA and NP rendered services will be made according to current physician practitioner reimbursement methodology.

### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Questions**

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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