



MODIFICATION OF LOUISIANA MEDICAID PROVIDER ID NUMBERS FOR NEW PROVIDERS

As providers continue to enroll in the Louisiana Medicaid Program, we are experiencing a shortage of 7-digit Medicaid Provider Identification Numbers. Providers approved for enrollment must be assigned a 7-digit Louisiana Medicaid ID number in addition to their National Provider Identifier (NPI). Current provider ID numbers begin with a "1" as the first digit of the number and these numbers will continue to be accepted.

Due to this shortage, Louisiana Medicaid will increase the availability of 7-digit numbers used to enroll new providers by using numbers that begin with "2" as the first digit of the number.

- Louisiana Medicaid plans to convert all systems to accept 7-digit provider numbers beginning with "2" no later than the end of this year.
- The assignment of numbers beginning with "2" will begin for new providers once this conversion is finalized.

Providers:

For new providers enrolling and receiving a provider number that begins with "2", this change should be seamless since they will be newly enrolled in the program.

Individuals/providers currently enrolled who enroll new providers on an ongoing basis (i.e., physician groups, multi-specialty clinics, agents doing business on behalf of multiple providers, etc.) must be aware of this change and the fact that they may receive new provider numbers that begin with "2".

NOTE 1: If you are currently enrolled with a 7-digit Medicaid ID that begins with a "1", there is no change to this existing number.

NOTE 2: The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is still required for electronic submission of claims.

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Vendors:

Vendors, billing agents, and clearinghouses (VBCs) working with Louisiana Medicaid providers must be aware of this change and ensure that any software, billing systems, etc., are capable of accepting a Louisiana Medicaid number that begins with “2”.

VBCs should review their structure, front-end edits, entry of 7-digit provider numbers, printed claims/reports, and so forth, and make changes if/where necessary to accommodate this change to Louisiana Medicaid provider numbers.

NOTE: It is very important that providers and vendors review their individual systems, processes and procedures now to ensure that this Medicaid ID number change does not cause a negative impact or claims denials for our provider community and continue to monitor their systems throughout and after these changes.

Claims submitted EDI and on paper will be edited with the new criteria beginning December 4, 2009. Pharmacy POS will be processed with the updated criteria beginning December 18, 2009. Please continue to visit this web site and monitor RA messages for final conversion dates and any other pertinent information.

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