



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

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SUBJECT: NPI Requirements for Enrollment

Effective July 1, 2014, Louisiana Medicaid will require a new National Provider Identification (NPI) number to be obtained when a new Medicaid provider number is required for pharmacy providers.

Program policy states that a new provider number must be assigned when a provider has undergone a change of ownership. The Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Management Program uses the same "change of ownership" definition as the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. Therefore, if a new Board of Pharmacy permit is issued due to a 50% or more shift in ownership, the provider is required to obtain a new Medicaid provider number.

In summation, when a 50% or more shift in ownership has taken place, the provider must obtain new identifiers as described below in order to continue enrollment in Louisiana Medicaid:

1. Medicaid provider number
2. NPI number
3. Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Permit

If you need clarification on this policy, please contact the Molina Provider Enrollment Unit at (225) 216-6370 or refer to www.lamedicaid.com. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts are greatly appreciated.

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