




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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2015
TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribers
FROM: 
J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Prescribing Providers Encouraged to Enroll in Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid

Behavioral health only recipients are receiving their behavioral health benefits from a Managed Care Organization (MCO) plan, but FFS will be responsible for their pharmacy benefits. It is very important that these recipients continue to have access to prescription benefits.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires providers to be enrolled in FFS Medicaid when a Louisiana Medicaid claim is processed for payment involving that provider, either directly or indirectly.

Effective January 19, 2016, FFS pharmacy claims billed with a prescribing provider that is not currently enrolled with FFS Medicaid will deny with:

**NCPDP reject code 71 (Prescriber Is Not Covered) mapped to
EOB code 354 (Prescriber Needs to Enroll)**

Full Enrollment process and forms can be found at:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/ProviderEnrollmentIndex.htm

An abbreviated enrollment should be utilized if the prescriber will not need to be paid directly by FFS for medical claims and will not be listed as a Medicaid provider. Abbreviated Enrollment process and forms can be found at:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/PTPO_MCO_Enrollment_Form.pdf

Please turn in enrollment forms as soon as possible, since processing of applications usually takes 3-6 weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Medicaid provider enrollment at (225) 216-6370.

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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