

Provider Bulletin # 17-09
**The Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual
disAbility Services (DBHIDS)**
Community Behavioral Health

**Requirement for Physicians and Other Practitioners to be Enrolled as
Medical Assistance Participating Providers**
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Effective January 1, 2018 Community Behavioral Health (CBH) will be aligning with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Medical Assistance Bulletin entitled **Enrollment of Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers # 99-16-97** issued on April 1, 2016.

This bulletin requires that any practitioner who refers or prescribes items or services to Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries must be enrolled in the Medical Assistance program. These practitioners include:

- Physicians (including telemedicine and locum tenens)
- Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP)
- Physician's Assistant (PA)
- Licensed Psychologists

This change will require all physicians and practitioners employed by or contracted with a CBH in-network provider to have their own National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and to be independently enrolled in MA to order, refer, or prescribe items or services. As of January 1, 2018, claims submitted to CBH will require the name and NPI number for the referring physician or practitioner. The claim will reject if this person is not enrolled or revalidated in the MA program.

Please refer to Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Medical Assistance Bulletin # 99-16-97 for information on how to complete and submit the enrollment application. Please contact your assigned Provider Representative with any questions.