



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification DHS Guidance for Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing December 28, 2017

In May 2017, CBH published [Bulletin 17-09](#) to inform the provider community of the requirement for all prescribing and referring practitioners to enroll in the Medical Assistance program. This Bulletin aligned with the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) deadline of January 1, 2018, when all related claims without a practitioner National Provider Identifier (NPI) would begin to be rejected¹.

In response to concerns and challenges with this implementation deadline, CBH will align with the following modifications released by DHS:

The Department of Human Services has been working in collaboration with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), county oversight organizations, and Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA) regarding the concerns and challenges with implementing federal **Ordering, Referring and Prescribing (ORP)** requirements by the January 1, 2018 deadline. The Department of Human Services has informed RCPA of the following:

- The ORP requirements for Fee-for-Service continue to apply; i.e., all ORP practitioners must be enrolled in the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance (MA) Program or the rendering provider will not be paid.
- In the HealthChoices managed care delivery system, if a rendering network provider submits a claim to an MCO with the National Provider Identifier (NPI) information that results in edits identifying that the non-network ORP is not enrolled in MA, the claim can be paid. However, if the non-MA enrolled ORP has a high volume of claims, the MCO will work with the network provider and non-MA enrolled ORP to have them enroll in MA or work to transition the member to an enrolled MA provider².

Questions regarding this change can be directed to your assigned provider representative.

¹ Community Behavioral Health, *Bulletin 17-09 Requirement for Physicians and Other Practitioners to be Enrolled as Medical Assistance Participating Providers* (May 31, 2017) <http://dbhids.org/wp-content/uploads/1970/01/Bulletin-17-09-Provider-Physicians-Enrollment.pdf>

² Department of Human Services, <http://www.paproviders.org/dhs-guidance-for-ordering-referring-and-prescribing/>