

#131 URGENT- Medicaid Provider Update, DBHDD Info and More

Dearest Advocates:

Happy Belated New Year! I know our year has been amazing and exhausting. My son, Jacob, completed over 3 yrs, 2 months and 6 days of chemotherapy for Leukemia. Now, we have another 5 yrs of monitoring to be considered “cured”. What a long road and it has really opened my eyes up to another advocacy need in pediatric cancer research in the United States! Thanks again for all those that supported us during this most difficult journey.

I hope in this next year to start updating you more regularly on disability information and advocacy opportunities in 2013. In addition, I plan on updating my newly named website www.UniteOurVoices.com (that I placed on hold for the last 3 yrs) and more exciting news soon....

The first order of business is: I just found out this week (many thanks to my friend Betsy for heads up) that there are some changes coming starting 7/1/13 for Medicaid. As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), all doctors who prescribe or order services for Medicaid recipients (that means Katie Beckett/Deeming waiver, GAPP, NOW/COMP-home and community based waivers, etc), or who refer Medicaid recipients to other providers/doctors, **MUST BE a MEDICAID PROVIDER!**

I know in the past - this was not the case. Many families have made the choice to go to a pediatrician that does not accept Medicaid. If you do this, that doctor can no longer write prescriptions for Medicaid related services (example: therapy, prescriptions for medications, equipment, etc if Medicaid is paying any amount of the bill). I’ve attached the “banner message” that was issued this week to Medicaid providers below. If you don’t know if your doctor is a Medicaid provider and writes your prescriptions, please ask. Maybe they will be willing to become one. I’ve already been in contact with Dept of Community Health and they stated that this is non-negotiable since we accept federal Medicaid \$\$ in Georgia. Sorry...

If a provider is having problems with obtaining a Medicaid provider number, please let me know. DCH is committed to expediting this process for doctors!

In addition, I have been selected to be on the new Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council with the Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Dept (DBHDD). <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/dd-advisory-council> I strongly recommend you become involved with voicing your concerns in order to impact positive change in Georgia. I have been advocating for over 10 years for children and adults with disabilities and the only way we are going to see change is by having families get involved!

Also- DBHDD also has a very informative newsletter. Please sign up – on the right hand side of page. <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/developmental-disabilities>

As you are already aware, we are in the legislative session for this year. Currently, it is being requested an additional 650 new NOW/COMP home and community based waivers be funded. The only way this is going to happen is getting involved (especially with the over 6,000+ individuals on waiting lists in GA). Please go to <http://www.gcdd.org/> for more information. Disability Day at the Capitol is February 21, 2013!

Hope you find this information helpful! Have a great day.

United- We Will Make a Difference!

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob – 13 yrs old with Down syndrome, Autism and Leukemia Survivor and Jared- 11 years old with amazing spirit & love for his brother)

If you would like to receive Jacob Moore's updates or post prayers, please go to: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or www.teamjacob.org . To watch Jacob's Cancer Journey video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g

For disability information and previous newsletters, please go to www.UniteOurVoices.com .

"Help The Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"

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Below is the “Banner Message” sent out this week to all Medicaid providers in GA:

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Subject New Medicaid Enrollment Requirements for Ordering, Prescribing, and Referring (OPR) Providers
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Dear Providers,

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires all physicians or other eligible practitioners who prescribe or order services for Medicaid recipients, or who refer Medicaid recipients to other providers, to be enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

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As a result of this law, services rendered based on a referral, order, or prescription will be reimbursable only if the ordering, prescribing, or referring physician/practitioner is enrolled in the

Georgia Medicaid Program.

The Department of Community Health's (DCH) fiscal agent, Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services (HP), will begin accepting applications from OPR providers on April 1, 2013. DCH will allow a grace period until June 30, 2013, for OPR providers to become enrolled. On July 1, 2013, claims for services that contain an NPI of an ordering, prescribing, or referring provider not enrolled in Medicaid (either as a participating provider or as an OPR provider) will be denied. DCH encourages all participating providers to be proactive and ensure the ordering, prescribing, referring physician/practitioner is enrolled in Georgia Medicaid prior to the July 1, 2013, deadline.

OPR providers are encouraged to enroll in Medicaid through the Georgia Web Portal at:

<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx> . For expedited enrollment, providers should enroll online by:

- Clicking on Provider Enrollment
- Clicking on Enrollment Wizard (scroll to bottom of screen)
- Clicking on Provider Enrollment Application
- Clicking on New Application
- After application is completed and has been submitted, you will receive an Automated Tracking Number (ATN) number.

To upload a copy of your license and DEA license, if applicable:

- Click on Provider Enrollment
- Click on Enrollment Application Status
- Type ATN and Last Name of provider and click on Search
- Click on Upload Required Documents
- Click on pertinent Attachment Description
- Attach a digital copy of your license

OPR providers may submit a paper application in lieu of completing an online application. The paper application (with instructions) can also be found on the Georgia Web Portal at:

<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>. The paper application can be found by:

- Clicking on Provider Enrollment
- Clicking on Enrollment Wizard (scroll to bottom of screen and click on Page 2)
- Clicking on Individual Practitioner Provider Enrollment Initial Enrollment

Application.

Follow the instructions closely and be sure to include a copy of your license and DEA license, if applicable. Mail the completed application with license(s) to HP at the address listed on Page 3 of the instructions.

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