

#135 –New Face Book Group, COMP-NOW Waiver Comments, DCH Change in Policy for Providers

Dearest Advocates:

Hope you have enjoyed your summer. I can't believe my kids are already going back to school in a week. I have two starting middle school! Where does the time go?

I wanted you all to be aware that I have started a new Face Book Group called “**UniteOurVoices**”. The purpose is to bring together families, providers and concerned citizens of children & adults with disabilities in order to educate, learn and advocate for positive change in society. This will be a fast way to get information out quickly. I will continue to issue out newsletters (as time allows) with more detailed information as needed. Please feel free to add your name to this important advocacy network as well!

The Dept. of Community Health issued out this week important information and requirements for Medicaid providers and Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) providers. See below for additional information and please check to make sure those doctors that prescribe medicines, therapy, and equipment are either an active Medicaid provider or OPR. This is critical to you continuing to receive services in Georgia.

In addition, below is a very important announcement regarding proposed changes to NOW/COMP home and community based disability waivers in Georgia. Now is your time to speak up and give your comments. See below for additional information and deadlines. As our State continues to try to make the system more “transparent”, we need to do our job of voicing our opinions and concerns. Please take the time to do your part in the process.

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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Enrollment Required for Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) Providers

If you're currently ordering, prescribing or referring on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries, but you do not file claims to Medicaid, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) now requires that you enroll in the Medicaid Program as an OPR Provider.

Your NPI number must also be included on the claim from the participating Medicaid provider. Otherwise, the participating (or rendering) provider filing the claim cannot be paid.

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is alerting physicians and other providers of this new rule and began accepting applications for these OPR providers as of April 1, 2013.

Starting later this year, claims for services that contain a National Provider Identification number (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. Providers already enrolled as active Medicaid participating providers do not need to enroll again as OPR providers. Georgia Medicaid requires that NPIs for OPR providers be included on all claims.

DCH has created an expedited and streamlined enrollment process for OPR providers. Additionally, OPR providers will not be required to submit financial documentation or complete certain sections of the application that pertain to claims or payee information.

Enrolling as an OPR Provider:
Does not obligate you to see Medicaid patients;
Does not mean you will be listed as a Medicaid provider for patient assignment or referral; and
Does help to ensure that your orders, prescriptions and referrals for Medicaid patients are accepted, processed and paid appropriately.
Pharmacy Claims -- Take Note!

Beginning August 1, 2013, DCH will edit pharmacy claims for the presence of an enrolled OPR provider. Pharmacies will be notified through the claims transaction if the submitted prescribing provider is not enrolled with DCH as either an OPR or rendering provider. Beginning October 1, 2013, pharmacy claims will be denied if the prescribing provider is not enrolled as OPR or rendering provider with DCH.

All Other Claims -- Take Note!
DCH will begin OPR editing for claims for all other categories of service later this year.

OPR providers should enroll now in Medicaid through the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) Web Portal at www.mmis.georgia.gov.

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 GAMMIS portal.

Listings of enrolled OPR providers can be viewed and downloaded at www.mmis.georgia.gov. Click on Provider Information/Reports.

Additional information may be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that will be posted soon at www.mmis.georgia.gov (Provider Information/FAQ for Providers).

For questions, please contact Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Services (HPES) at 800-766-4456, press option #0. You can also send an e-mail to OPREnrollment@dch.ga.gov.

Proposed changes to NOW/COMP home and community based disability waivers in Georgia:

Attached is a letter inviting stakeholders to review and provide comments regarding proposed NOW and COMP policy changes. To review the proposed policy changes and provide your feedback, use the link in the Announcements section of the DBHDD website home page: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/> OR use this direct link: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/proposed-now-and-comp-policy-changes>

We ask that you use the Feedback/Comments Form to facilitate DBHDD review of your comments. This form as well as any questions should be submitted to our "Policy Questions" address: PolicyQuestions@dbhdd.ga.gov
Please note that the proposed policy changes will be posted for comment through August 16, 2013.

Note to Regional Offices:

Please distribute to all DD Providers, Support Coordination agencies, DD stakeholders, and Regional Office staff.

Thank you.

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Dear Stakeholders:

The DBHDD Division of Developmental Disabilities values our partnership with stakeholders. We invite you to take this opportunity to provide constructive and focused feedback on the proposed NOW and COMP Waiver policy changes. As the Waiver changes impact various stakeholders, we would like to receive your feedback and comments as the Division of Developmental Disabilities finalizes the draft document. The final proposed changes by DBHDD, Division of Developmental Disabilities are reviewed by the Department of Community Health (DCH) legal and program staff. DCH review may result in approval, revision or rejection of any DBHDD proposed NOW/COMP policy changes.

To review the proposed changes, use the link posted on DBHDD website: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov>. A Feedback/Comments Form has been designed as a method to help us receive feedback and improve our Standards. Each submitted comment will be reviewed but due to limited resources, we will not be providing a written response.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is soliciting feedback and comments for a **three week period which will end on Friday August 16, 2013**. Please email your Feedback/Comments Form to: PolicyQuestions@dbhdd.ga.gov. We thank you in advance for your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

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