

#132 URGENT- Medicaid Provider Update- REVISED - GOOD NEWS! And Autism Plan

Dearest Advocates:

As many of you were aware, a few weeks ago it was announced that all work orders, prescriptions, etc, needed to be written by a Medicaid provider in order for Medicaid to pay for services.....There is a change.....

Medicaid made an announcement last week that there is another change which will be very helpful for families. Any physician can enroll as a Medicaid Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) provider even if they do not submit claims to Medicaid for services! This means you don't have to switch doctors that do not accept Medicaid for payment to have Medicaid pay for services BUT they ALL doctors must enroll as an OPR provider. See below the official announcement from Dept of Community Health regarding this important information.

Please take the time and talk to your doctors as the time frame for expedited enrollment starts April 1, 2013. Very grateful for this new information!

In addition, I strongly recommend you be placed on DCH's newsletter distribution list to have the most up to date information for Medicaid. All you have to do is send an email to: DCH-i@dch.ga.gov and request to be put on their distribution list!

The Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD) needs comments/recommendations for an Autism Plan for Georgia. Please go to www.ga-autismplan.com for more information. Additional information is below.

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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From Dept of Community Health:

Any physician or eligible practitioner who orders, prescribes, or refers Medicaid members to Fee-for-Service (FFS) providers or for Medicaid-covered services must soon be enrolled as a Medicaid Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) provider, according to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), even if they do not submit claims to Medicaid for their services. The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is alerting physicians and providers of this new rule and will begin accepting applications for these OPR providers as of April 1, 2013.

All FFS claims for items and services that were ordered, prescribed, or referred must contain the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the licensed health care professional ordering, prescribing or referring the service. Medicaid FFS providers risk not being reimbursed for services if the ordering, prescribing and referring provider is not enrolled in Medicaid as an OPR provider. In other words, if you order, prescribe or refer services for Medicaid recipients, the providers who actually render such services will not be paid unless you enroll in Medicaid and your NPI number is included on the claim submitted by the rendering provider.

DCH has created an expedited enrollment process for OPR providers. The enrollment application will be the same as used by providers who participate in FFS Medicaid; however, it will be streamlined because OPR providers will not be required to submit financial documentation or complete certain sections of the application that pertain to claims or payee information. In addition, OPR providers will sign a simple Statement of Participation that has been modified to reflect that these providers do not submit claims and are not enrolling in order to participate in FFS Medicaid.

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;
- Is an expedited enrollment process;
- Does not require an annual renewal;
- Allows you to continue to see Medicaid patients without billing the Medicaid program if you so choose; and
- Helps ensure that your orders, prescriptions and referrals for Medicaid patients are accepted and processed appropriately.

DCH's fiscal agent, Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services (HPES), 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 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. The OPR requirement does not apply to claims that are billed to the Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMO).

OPR providers are encouraged to enroll in Medicaid online through the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) Web Portal at:
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>.

OPR providers may submit a paper application in lieu of completing an online application. The paper application (with instructions) can also be found on GAMMIS at:
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document concerning Ordering, Prescribing, or Referring will be placed on GAMMIS soon. The FAQ will provide information regarding enrollment, Statement of Participation, denial of Participating Provider claims when providers who order, prescribe or refer a Medicaid enrollee for care do not enroll as OPR providers, and retroactive enrollment.

For questions or concerns, please contact Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services (HPES) at 800-766-4456, press option #0 for the main menu and then press option #4.

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Georgia Autism Plan Seeks Input:

The Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD) has been working with stakeholders to develop an Autism Plan for Georgia over the past 18 months. This project is supported by a grant from the Material and Child Health (MCH). Many of you responded to a survey last year that provided strong support for a set of quality indicators that provided a framework for what we want to make happen for individuals with autism in our state.

You can view the structure of the latest version of the plan at www.ga-autismplan.com .

CLD is now asking for your help in rating the importance of the recommendations that have been proposed as next steps for the plan. Please let them know what you think about these recommendations by completing the survey located on the website www.ga-autismplan.com .

CLD hopes to hear from parents and family members, individuals with autism, professional, providers, and policy makers.

