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Delay in Ordering/Referring Editing Implementation in FFS Medicaid Pharmacy Claims Only

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and subsequent federal regulations (42CFR 455.410) requires enrollment for physicians and other healthcare professionals ordering/referring services provided under the Medicaid state plan or under a waiver of the state plan. The enrollment requirement also applies to providers prescribing for Medicaid beneficiaries residing in Long Term Care facilities. It **does not** apply to services paid through a Medicaid managed care plan.

The January 1, 2014, implementation of new claims editing requiring Medicaid enrollment for prescribing physicians and healthcare professionals has been delayed for **pharmacy claims only** until **February 1, 2014**.

The extended implementation will allow for more time for OPRA providers to request and obtain enrollment so needed prescription drugs can be dispensed to Medicaid members. Providers who have submitted enrollment applications will be notified by letter when a determination has been made or if the application was missing information. **Providers who have not yet submitted enrollment applications must do so immediately to avoid future interruption of the services they order for their members.**

To determine if a physician or healthcare professional is enrolled in Medicaid, use the search feature available here: <https://www.emedny.org/info/opra.aspx>

Provider Enrollment forms and instructions:
<https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>

Provider Enrollment assistance and status checks:
Please call the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000

OPRA Frequently Asked Questions:
https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/Core_OPRA_FA_Qs.pdf

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