



Reminder: Ordering, Prescribing, Referring, Attending (OPRA) Prescription Requirements for Unlicensed Providers ONLY

Attention Pharmacy Providers: A provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and federal regulations (42CFR 455.410) requires enrollment for physicians and other healthcare professionals when ordering/prescribing/referring/attending services are provided under the Medicaid state plan or under a waiver of the state plan. The requirement also applies to licensed providers prescribing for Medicaid Beneficiaries residing in Long Term Care facilities and for services rendered through Medicaid Managed Care.

Effective January 2014, as stated in the [December 2013 Special Edition Medicaid Update](#), editing was put in place to reject claims submitted to Medicaid FFS with a non-enrolled licensed prescriber. Pharmacies were given permission to use the OPRA override temporarily to allow licensed physicians adequate time to enroll. **The allowance for using the OPRA override for non-enrolled licensed prescribers ended in August of 2014.** All licensed prescribers, whether they are billing or non-billing, **MUST** be enrolled in the NYS Medicaid program in order for the pharmacy to successfully submit and bill the claim.

If pharmacies receive a claim rejected with NCPDP Reject Code 56 “NON-MATCHED PRESCRIBER ID” it means the prescriber is **NOT** enrolled in NYS Medicaid. EMedNY users will see Edit 02218 “PRESCRIBING MMIS PROVIDER ID CAN NOT BE DERIVED”. Prescriptions and fiscal orders **cannot** be submitted for reimbursement to NYS Medicaid when the licensed prescriber is NOT enrolled in NYS Medicaid. As noted on page 16 of the August 2014 issue of the Medicaid Update ([August 2014 Medicaid Update](#)), the OPRA override should be used only for unlicensed providers legally able to prescribe.

The use of an override to bypass this edit for a licensed provider is not permissible. Pharmacies should not attempt to override rejections for a non-enrolled licensed provider on their own, including any overrides in the submission clarification code field. All overrides are subject to recovery of payment.

The only option available when your pharmacy is presented with a prescription or fiscal order written by a licensed, non-enrolled prescriber for a Medicaid member is to obtain a new prescription from an enrolled provider.

For questions on this policy providers may e-mail the pharmacy mailbox at: ppno@health.ny.gov , or call (518) 486-3209.