

REMINDER: Beginning on May 1, 2021, per the article in the [October 2020 Medicaid Update](#), the Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit will be transitioned to the Fee-for-Service program (aka the Pharmacy Carve Out). Pharmacies, Prescribers and Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supply (DMEPOS) providers **must be enrolled in the FFS program as billing providers in order to continue to serve Medicaid Managed Care members.**

PHARMACIES AND PHARMACY BASED DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PROSTHETIC, ORTHOTIC AND SUPPLY (DMEPOS) PROVIDERS Category of Service (COS) as listed on the enrollment form as Free Standing Pharmacy (COS 0441) or Free-Standing Pharmacy Based DME (COS 0442).

Pharmacies **must** be appropriately enrolled as a **FFS billing pharmacy and/or pharmacy based DMEPOS provider**. This means that pharmacies providing prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, medical-surgical supplies, enteral and parenteral formula and/or hearing aid batteries must be enrolled as Medicaid FFS **billing** providers. Information regarding the DMEPOS that are subject to the carve-out can be found at: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/rx_carve_out_scope.pdf

If you do not enroll in FFS as a billing provider or you are only enrolled in Medicaid in a non-billing status, pharmacy claims for Medicaid Managed Care members that are submitted to the Medicaid FFS program **will be denied starting May 1, 2021.** To become an FFS billing pharmacy, you must also enroll in Medicare as a participating provider. **We suggest beginning the Medicaid and Medicare enrollment processes as soon as practicable to mitigate potential delays in the ability to bill Medicaid.**

- To review the requirements and enroll in Medicaid FFS as a billing provider, please go to the Pharmacy Enrollment Provider page on eMedNY.org at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/pharm/index.aspx> .
- To become a **Medicare** pharmacy provider, please go to <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/Become-a-Medicare-Provider-or-Supplier>. It is suggested that you begin Medicare enrollment now.

In addition to being enrolled in Medicare, your pharmacy must have an actively enrolled Supervising Pharmacist affiliated with it.

- If this is the same person you currently have on your NYS Medicaid enrollment file, then you will not have to enroll an additional pharmacist.
- If the current Supervising Pharmacist is not on enrolled with NYS Medicaid therefor cannot be affiliated with your pharmacy, she/he must enroll in New York Medicaid as a Supervising Pharmacist and obtain a provider identification number.

PRESCRIBERS

In order to continue to serve New York State Medicaid Managed Care members, prescribers who are initiating prescriptions or fiscal orders for drugs or supplies are subject to the carve-out and will also need to enroll in FFS. Prescribers can choose to enroll in FFS as either “Individual Billing Medicaid” (also known as Individual Biller) or as Ordering/Prescribing/Referring/Attending (OPRA) non-billing providers. To find all required information and documentation needed to submit an enrollment application,

1. Visit <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>.
2. Select the practitioner provider list filter on the right-hand side of the page.
3. Select the appropriate prescriber’s licensed profession (provider type).