



## Reminder: Medicaid Billing for Prescription Drugs when Prescribed by Unlicensed Residents, Interns and Foreign Physicians in Training

The purpose of this article is to provide a reminder regarding NYS Medicaid's billing requirements for drugs when prescribed by **unlicensed residents, interns and foreign physicians in training only**.

- NYS Medicaid accepts prescriptions written by providers legally authorized to prescribe per NY Education Law, Article 131, Section 6526, and 10 NYCRR 80.75(e). This includes unlicensed residents, interns and foreign physicians in training programs, under the supervision of a NY State Medicaid enrolled physician.
- In accordance with NY Education Law, NYS Medicaid does **NOT** require the name and signature of the supervising physician to be included on the prescription.
- Effective January 2014, NYS fee-for-service Medicaid implemented claims editing that enforced the OPRA requirement for healthcare professionals, practice managers, facility administrators, and servicing/billing providers.
- Because NYS Medicaid's provider enrollment system can only accept licensed providers, pharmacy claims for services ordered by unlicensed residents, interns and foreign physicians in training programs reject when initially submitted for payment.

The following two (2) options continue to be available to pharmacies, to enable payment for prescription drug claims when prescribed by **unlicensed residents, interns and foreign physicians in training only**:

1. Resubmit the claim using the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the enrolled NYS Medicaid provider (the intern or resident's supervising physician) as the secondary NPI.
2. In the event the pharmacy's billing system is limited to submitting only one prescriber NPI number, or the NPI number of the supervising physician cannot be obtained, then use the urgent/emergency override option (outlined below).

### Directions for Urgent/Emergency Override:

If you have a prescription written by an unlicensed resident, intern or foreign physician in a training program you will receive a reject code of "56" via NCPDP transaction stating the provider has a non-matched Prescriber ID listed in NCPDP field number 511-FB.

In the case of claims for items prescribed by unlicensed residents, interns or foreign physicians in training programs, pharmacies can provide the medication and receive reimbursement by resubmitting the claim using the following emergency override procedure:

- In the Reason for Service Code Field (439-E4) also known as the Drug Utilization Conflict Field – enter "**PN**" (Prescriber Consultation)

- In the Result of Service Code Field (441-E6) – enter one of the following applicable values (**1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 1H, 1J, 1K, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, 3J, 3K, 3M, 3N, or 4A**)
- In the Submission Clarification Code Field (420-DK) also known as the Drug Prescription Override Field – enter “**02**” (Other Override)

Please note that the above override should NOT be used for a licensed prescriber who has not yet enrolled in NYS Medicaid. In the event of a prescription being sent by a non-enrolled licensed prescriber, the prescriber should be encouraged to enroll in the NYS Medicaid Program. Information regarding how to enroll can be found at:  
<https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>

**Contact the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000 for questions regarding this billing requirement.**