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Attention: Pharmacies Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supply Providers, and Prescribers That are Not Enrolled in Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS)

Beginning on April 1, 2021, per the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-21 enacted budget, the pharmacy benefit for New York State (NYS) Medicaid Managed Care [Mainstream, Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)-Special Needs Plan (SNP)] members will be transitioned to the NYS Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) Pharmacy Program. Pharmacies and Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) providers ***must be enrolled in the FFS program as billing providers in order to continue to serve Medicaid Managed Care members.*** Information regarding 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.

Additionally, prescribers that are initiating prescriptions or fiscal orders for drugs or supplies subject to the carve-out will need to enroll. Prescribers can choose either to enroll as "Individual Billing Medicaid" (also known as Individual Biller) FFS billing providers or as Ordering/Prescribing/Referring/Attending (OPRA) non-billing FFS providers, in order to continue to serve NYS Medicaid Managed Care members. The *Provider Enrollment Guide* is found at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/enrollguide.aspx>.

The NYS Department of Health provider enrollment website (<http://www.eMedNY.org>), contains the enrollment application, instructions, and forms necessary to enroll. Pharmacies and prescribers can verify current FFS enrollment status by visiting the Medicaid Enrolled Provider Listing at: <https://health.data.ny.gov/Health/Medicaid-Enrolled-Provider-Listing/kefi-qx5t>. Prescribers can additionally verify current enrollment status by using the tool found at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/opra.aspx>. Enrollment information is listed below.

Pharmacies and DMEPOS Providers

Providers **not** enrolled as FFS billing providers or currently enrolled as NYS Managed Care non-billing providers on the Medicaid Enrolled Provider Listing and labeled as MCO (Managed Care Only) providers in the "Medicaid Type" field need to enroll as FFS billing providers, by visiting the applicable enrollment application:

- To access the Pharmacy and Pharmacy/DMEPOS Provider enrollment application, visit: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/pharm/index.aspx>
- To access the Freestanding DMEPOS Provider enrollment application, visit: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/dme/index.aspx>

When completing the application, providers must select the "Billing Provider" checkbox found on the top of page two of the application.

Important: Medicare enrollment as Participating Providers (accepting payment for Part B) is prerequisite in order to qualify for pharmacy or DMEPOS enrollment as billing providers in NYS Medicaid.

- It is recommended that providers begin the Medicare enrollment process for their pharmacies or DMEPOS immediately in order to mitigate delays in enrolling.
- Medicare enrollment is required prior to issuance of NYS Medicaid Provider Identification Numbers.

Prescribers

If prescribers are not enrolled as FFS Individual billing prescribers or OPRA prescribers and want to continue to prescribe for NYS Medicaid Managed Care members, prescribers will need to enroll as Individual Billers or as OPRA providers by visiting:

<https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>.

- On the right side of the screen, prescribers navigate to the applicable provider type to print the instructions and enrollment form. The provider type is the same as the provider's licensed profession.
- **Important: Medicare enrollment is *not required* for Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, Dentists or Physicians. Other providers, who may be allowed to order drugs and DMEPOS items, are required to enroll in Medicare as a Participating Provider (accepting payment for Part B) as prerequisite** in order to qualify as Individual Billing providers in NYS Medicaid. Prescribers must review their provider type as found on the provider index (<https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>) for specific Medicare requirements.
- If prescribers were previously enrolled as NYS Medicaid providers and NYS Medicaid enrollment has lapsed (i.e., providers are no longer actively enrolled), prescribers can keep their original Provider Identification Numbers (also known as MMIS IDs) by indicating "Reinstatement" on their applications.

All Providers

Completed applications will be reviewed by the NYS Department of Health. If more information is needed to process the applications, providers will be notified with details. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Once the applications are processed, written determinations will be sent to providers. If applications are approved, letters will be sent to providers containing the providers' MMIS ID Numbers, enrollment effective dates (when services may be provided to enrolled clients), and other information related to enrollment. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of enrollment in the NYS Medicaid program.

Additional Information and Questions

- For information regarding provider enrollment, visit <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/HowDoIDo.pdf>. Additional questions should be directed to providerenrollment@health.ny.gov or by calling Provider Enrollment at (800) 343-9000.
- For more information regarding the transition of the pharmacy benefit from NYS Managed Care to FFS, visit: https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/.
- Policy questions can be directed to the Medicaid Pharmacy Policy unit at (518) 486-3209 or by emailing ppno@health.ny.gov.
- Policy questions for DMEPOS providers can be directed to the Bureau of Medical Review at (800) 342-3005 or by emailing OHIPMEDPA@health.ny.gov.