



State of Louisiana
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Bureau of Health Services Financing

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To: Local Education Agency (LEA) Providers

From: Andrea Perry, School Based Medicaid Program Manager

RE: School-Based Provider Enrollment Requirement

Federal regulations require states to screen and enroll all Medicaid providers that order, prescribe, or refer items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries, even when the provider does not submit claims to Medicaid.

Regulations specify that the individual provider who orders, refers and/or prescribes Medicaid services, must be documented on claims¹. The only exception to this requirement is nursing evaluations and preventative screenings.

Participating LEA providers should expect claim denials on interim bills submitted for reimbursement if OPR provider enrollment requirements are not complete by December 30, 2023.

LEA employees or contracted vendors impacted by this requirement include:

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- APRN - Clinical Nurse Specialist
- APRN - Nurse Practitioner
- Physical Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- ~~Audiologist~~
- Licensed Psychologist
(not required for school psychologist)
- Optometrist
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Addiction Counselors

To fulfill claims processing requirements, LEAs must input the ordering providers name, their Type 1 (individual) NPI and DK² qualifier on all claims.

Individuals currently enrolled as participating LA Medicaid fee-for-service providers are not required to enroll separately as an OPR provider.

¹ : Requirements are pursuant to section 1902(a)(78) and (kk)(7) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 455.440.

² : DK qualifier is the appropriate modifier used to indicate an ordering provider

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Fee-for-service enrollment applications for providers who are not currently enrolled in Fee-for-service Louisiana Medicaid and would like to enroll as a fully participating provider are available online at www.lamedicaid.com.

Otherwise, non-billing practitioners employed or contracted by an LEA may enroll with an abbreviated Ordering, Prescribing, or Referring (OPR) application. For your convenience, a link to the OPR enrollment application is here: [PO - OPR \(Ordering, Prescribing, Referring\)](#).

Gainwell Provider Enrollment processes most enrollment applications within three (3) weeks of receipt of a correctly completed application. However, due to the large number of providers needing to enroll, expect a two-month waiting period to have your application processed. Applications should be submitted as quickly as possible to avoid delays and denials.

Providers who are unsure of their fee-for-service enrollment status or require assistance will need to contact Gainwell Technologies at 225-216-6370 or email louisianaprovenroll@gainwelltechnologies.com.