



### URGENT CARE FACILITIES AND RETAIL CONVENIENCE CLINICS

Effective with date of service July 1, 2010, claims for services rendered to CommunityCARE enrollees in Urgent Care Centers and Retail Convenient Care Clinics will no longer require the PCP's referral/authorization to be reimbursed by Medicaid. This requirement is being eliminated in order to facilitate access to medical care and reduce costs associated with Emergency Room utilization for non-emergent conditions.

New subspecialties have been established and defined by Louisiana Medicaid as *physician groups* and *nurse practitioner groups* who meet the following criteria:

**Urgent Care Facilities** are those facilities with the primary function of providing unscheduled medical care to patients who require immediate attention for an illness or injury not serious enough for emergency room care. These facilities may not also serve as primary care providers, and are not enrolled in CommunityCare.

**Retail Convenience Clinics** are facilities located within a retail establishment (i.e. Walgreens, CVS, Wal-Mart) whose expressed primary function is to provide unscheduled medical care when access to a primary care provider is not readily available to meet the health needs of the patient. These facilities may not serve as primary care providers, and are not enrolled in CommunityCare.

Physician groups and nurse practitioner groups who are enrolled as Louisiana Medicaid providers and meet the above definitions for either of these subspecialties should provide written, signed, and dated documentation to Molina Provider Enrollment in order to have the necessary changes made to their Medicaid provider records. Eligible providers who submit documentation by August 31, 2010 and who have received claim denials for error edit 106 (Community Care PCP referral required) for dates of service on or after July 1, 2010 will have those claims systematically recycled.

Physician groups and nurse practitioner groups who meet one of the above definitions but are not currently enrolled as Medicaid providers must submit a completed Provider Enrollment Packet, which can be obtained through the Louisiana Medicaid provider website at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com). Eligible providers should mark "7M" for Retail Convenience Clinic or "7N" for Urgent Care Clinics under "Subspecialty" in Section A of the PE-50 Enrollment Form.

For additional information, please contact Medicaid Provider Enrollment at 225-216-6370.