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PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

To receive Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary health services provided to children ages three through the age of 20, a local education agency (LEA) must be enrolled and in good standing as a Medicaid Provider in the School Based Medicaid program, provider type 70. All Medicaid providers are enrolled in accordance with applicable requirements for the provider's designated type and specialty. Medicaid provider enrollment is performed by Medicaid's fiscal intermediary. The enrollment packet can be found at: https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/PT70_EPSDTHealthServices.pdf

As part of the documents required for enrollment in EPSDT Health Services, the LEA (school board) must certify and assure that it does have the state and/or local match funds available to draw down the federal share of the EPSDT Health Services reimbursements for services provided to children with special needs. The LEA must also certify and assure that in participating in this program and qualifying for matching funds, no federal funds received by or available to the LEA will be used for matching or recapturing federal funds for reimbursement for provision of Medicaid covered services.

NPI Update: Information required for Claims Submission

Effective August 1, 2021 a physician or non-physician practitioner within their defined scope of practice must authorize all Local Education Agency (LEA) medical services prior to submitting claims to Medicaid¹. The only exceptions include evaluations, assessments, and screenings that may be completed without an order/authorization.

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after August 1, 2021, LEA billing providers will be required to enter the name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) number of rendering and ordering providers on hard copy (CMS1500) and electronic (837P) claims. Refer to CMS 1500 and 837P billing guidelines on lamedicaid.com; links can be found at the bottom of this notice-item ii.

The rendering provider NPI number must be:

- For an individual (NPI type1) and not an organization or practice;
- Enrolled in legacy Medicaid also known as “fee-for-service” as a fully participating provider for the date of service; and
- Have licensing authority to provide services within their defined scope of practice.

The ordering provider NPI number must be:

- For an individual (NPI type1) and not an organization or practice;

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- Enrolled in legacy Medicaid also known as “fee-for-service” as a fully participating or ordering/prescribing/referring/attending (OPRA) provider for the date of service; and
- Have licensing authority to order services within their defined scope of practice.

Rendering and ordering providers may be for an individual physician or other licensed practitioner associated with the student’s authorizing plan of care (i.e. individual education plan (IEP), 504 Accommodation Plan, Individualized Health Care Plan, or included in otherwise medically necessary documentation).

Phase 1:

Beginning with dates of service August 1, 2021, Educational messaging will alert LEA billing providers that the identification of rendering and/or ordering provider is missing, incomplete, not enrolled in fee-for service Medicaid for the date for service or does not have licensing authority to order the service.

Phase 2: Effective with dates of services on and after December 1, 2021 Medicaid will turn on edits to deny LEA billing provider claims that fail to meet the rendering and ordering provider requirements.

Please refer to the following links for additional information.

- **Process for obtaining an NPI number**
 - Instructions for getting an NPI number: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/>
 - Instructions for enrolling in fee-for-service Medicaid:
https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/newenrollments.htm
- **Instructions for billing Medicaid for services provided**
 - Instructions for billing with an ordering and rendering provider on hard copy claims (CMS1500):
https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/billing_information/CMS_1500_Professional-Instructions.pdf
 - Instructions for billing with rendering and ordering provider on electronic claims (837P):
https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/HIPABilling/837_Health_Care_Claim_Professional.pdf

Local Education Agency Responsibilities

- The LEA shall ensure that practitioners who provide EPSDT services are employed or contracted by the LEA (Medicaid provider).
- The LEA shall ensure that licensed practitioners who provide services to children meet professional requirements of the state licensing board for their specialty and practice

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within the scope of practice defined by the professional licensure board. All practitioners and staff who provide EPSDT services or other authorized health services to students must operate within their professional licensure and scope of practice or certification under the supervision of a licensed practitioner. Licensed practitioners assume professional liability for unlicensed/certified staff who provide health services to children under their supervision and within their scope of practice. The provider (LEA) shall maintain documentation of current licensure, training, and skill verification for all practitioners and staff who provide health services to children.

Care Coordination

Care coordination between the LEAs and the child's primary care provider is required to reduce or avoid duplications of services whenever possible. Care coordination is a responsibility of all health care providers who participate in the care of a student and must be carried out in a manner that complies with privacy and confidentiality requirements in accordance with state and federal law and regulations including HIPAA and FERPA. It is the expectation that LEAs, practitioners, and staff will participate in multidisciplinary team and health conferences and other planning activities with other members of the student's health care team and parents when requested to ensure provision of coordinated health services to students.