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37.4 PRESCRIBERS**Overview****Introduction**

This Section defines medical practitioners who are authorized to prescribe drugs covered by the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program.

In addition, this Section explains the requirement that all prescribers must have an individual Medicaid prescriber number, as a condition for prescription coverage by the program.

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37.4.1 QUALIFIED PRESCRIBERS

The Medicaid Program provides reimbursement for prescriptions provided to eligible recipients under regulations governing the Pharmacy Program. The prescriptions may be written by appropriate professionals authorized to prescribe under state law and have prescriptive authority from his/her licensing board.

37.4.2 PRESCRIBER NUMBERS

The integrity of the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Management Program (LMPBM) is dependent upon utilizing accurate data.

The LMPBM System requires that each Medicaid prescriber has an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) and a Medicaid provider/prescriber number whenever pharmacy claims for payments are submitted. The pharmacy provider should submit the prescribing provider's individual NPI in the claim. In rare cases where a prescriber does not have a NPI or the pharmacy cannot obtain the NPI, the pharmacy may substitute the prescriber's Medicaid number in the claim submission. The system will only allow claims to be submitted with a seven digit individual prescribing practitioner identification number.

Prescriber practitioners who deliver health care services in the state operated mental health clinics, developmental centers and public health clinics must also have an assigned individual prescriber identification number and a NPI as a condition for the prescription to be covered by the Medicaid program.

Louisiana Medicaid has issued individual prescriber identification numbers to all interns, residents, and fellows currently in training.

37.4.3 PRESCRIBERS WHO ARE NOT MEDICAID PROGRAM PROVIDERS

Pharmacy providers may be reimbursed for prescriptions which are issued by prescribers who do not participate in the Louisiana Medicaid program but have a valid Medicaid provider *prescriber only* number and a NPI.

Note: If a prescribing practitioner does not currently have an individual Medicaid provider number, he/she may contact the fiscal intermediary Provider Enrollment unit at 225-216-6370.

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37.4.4 SANCTIONED PRESCRIBERS

Edits have been placed on the prescriber identification numbers when prescriber licenses have been restricted, suspended or revoked. Pharmacy claims will be denied when the prescribing provider does not have prescriptive authority.

Louisiana Medicaid will not reimburse pharmacy claims when the prescribing practitioner is sanctioned and/or is excluded from Medicaid program participation.

37.4.5 ACCESSING PRESCRIBER NUMBERS

Pharmacy providers must make every effort to assure that the prescribing practitioner number billed is accurate. A listing of prescribing practitioner numbers is available on the website www.lamedicaid.com. This listing is updated monthly.

Note: Refer to Section 37.22.5 Louisiana Medicaid Website; Prescriber Numbers for detailed information.

Pharmacy Providers may verify prescriber numbers by calling the POS Pharmacy Help Desk at 800-648-0790 or 225-216-6381.

In addition, pharmacy providers may contact the following institutions whenever a resident, intern or fellow in training does not include his/her prescriber number on the prescription or if the prescriber name and or number is not legible.

Academic Centers

Baton Rouge General Medical Center
Family Medicine Residency
Phone: 225-381-6620

LSU-New Orleans
Graduate Medical Education
Phone: 504-568-8632 or
Phone: 504-568-4006

LSU-Shreveport
Dept. of Medical Education
Phone: 318-675-5053

Tulane University – New Orleans
Phone: 504-988-7138

Ochsner Medical Foundation
Phone: 800-752-6768

Earl K. Long Hospital
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 225-358-1065

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Charity Hospitals

LSU Health Science Center
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 318-330-7661

Walter O. Moss Hospital
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 337-475-8196

Huey P. Long (LSU/Tulane Residents)
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 318-473-1426

Washington-St. Tammany Hospital
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 985-732-1121

University Medical Center, Lafayette
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 337-261-6156

Lallie Kemp Hospital
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 985-878-1333

Chabert Medical Center
Medical Director's Office
Phone: 985-873-1265
