

Attention LEA Providers

Additional Information required for Claims Submission

Effective with **May 31, 2022** (instead of December 6, 2021) dates of service, a physician or non-physician practitioner within his defined scope of practice must authorize all Local Education Authority (LEA) medical services prior to submitting claims to Medicaid¹. **The only exceptions include evaluations, assessments, screenings and psychotherapy which may be completed without an order/authorization.**

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after **May 31, 2022** (instead of December 6, 2021), LEA billing providers will be required to enter the name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) number of the “ordering provider” in the ordering fields of the hard copy (CMS1500) and electronic (837P) claims²-**with qualifier DK.**

The ordering 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.
- Have licensing authority to order services within his defined scope of practice.

The ordering provider 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) or may be the actual provider performing the service (rendering provider) if he/she has licensing authority to order the service.

Phase 1: Educational messaging with edit 047 will begin for claims with dates of services on and after **May 31, 2022** (instead of December 6, 2021) to alert LEA billing providers that the identification of the ordering provider is missing, incomplete, not enrolled in fee-for-service Medicaid for the date of service, or does not have licensing authority to order the service.

Phase 2: Effective with dates of services on and after **September 31, 2022** (instead of April 5, 2022), Medicaid will turn edit 047 to deny LEA billing provider claims that fail to meet the ordering provider requirements.

¹ Including medication management administration and chronic disease management.

² 42 CFR 455.440

The following is a list of specific health professionals who are qualified ordering, prescribing, and referring (OPR) practitioners for services within their defined scope of practice. Additional professionals may be added after SPA approval.

1. AUDIOLOGIST/SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
2. CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE
3. CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
4. NURSE PRACTITIONER
5. OPTOMETRIST
6. ORAL SURGERON
7. PHYSICIAN
8. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
9. PODIATRIST
10. PSYCHOLOGIST
11. PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Please refer to the following links for more information.

I. Process for registering with Medicaid as a provider

a. Instructions for getting an NPI number:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/>

b. Instructions for enrolling in fee-for-service Medicaid:

To be announced.

II. Instructions for billing Medicaid for services provided

a. Instructions for billing with an ordering provider on hard copy claims (CMS1500):

https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/billing_information/CMS_1500_Professional-Instructions.pdf

b. Instructions for billing with ordering provider on electronic claims (837P):

https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/HIPAABilling/837_Health_Care_Claim_Professional.pdf