

Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) Provider Requirements

Dear Prescribers and Pharmacy Providers,

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires all physicians and other practitioners, who prescribe or order services for Medicaid recipients, or who refer Medicaid recipients to other providers, to be enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

As a result of this law, services rendered based on a referral, order, or prescription will be reimbursable only if the ordering, prescribing or referring physician/practitioner is enrolled in the Georgia Medicaid Program.

To ensure compliance with Georgia Medicaid and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) regulations, effective January 1, 2014, Peach State Health Plan and US Script will begin editing pharmacy claims for the presence of an enrolled ordering, prescribing, or referring (OPR) provider. All pharmacy claims submitted after January 1, 2014 must contain the NPI of the ordering, prescribing, or referring provider. Failure to append the ordering, prescribing, or referring provider's NPI to the pharmacy claim will result in a claim denial.

Pharmacies will be notified through claim transactions if the submitted prescribing provider is not enrolled with the Department of Community Health (DCH) as an ordering, prescribing or rendering provider. Pharmacies will also receive a claims message if their own store NPI is not enrolled in Georgia Medicaid.

For additional information regarding ordering, prescribing and referring provider requirements, please review the Georgia Medicaid OPR Frequently Asked Questions located on the GAMMIS web portal at:

<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/Portals/0/StaticContent/Public/ALL/NOTICES/OPR%20FAQs%2012-11-2013%20161835.pdf>

To learn more about enrolling within the Georgia Medicaid program as a participating provider, or as an OPR provider, please contact The Department of Community Health's fiscal agent Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Services (HP) at 1-800-766-4456 or via email at OPREnrollment@dch.ga.gov.

For questions regarding this notice, please contact Peach State Health Plan Provider Services toll free at 1-866-874-0633, 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.