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To: Our Valued Providers
From: El Paso First Health Plans
Date: June 2, 2017
Reminder: **Medicaid Ordering/Referring Provider Enrollment Requirement**

Federal regulation 42 CFR §455.410 indicates that a state Medicaid agency must require all ordering, referring or prescribing physicians or other professionals providing services under the state plan or under a waiver of the state plan to be enrolled as participating providers.

For providers whose only relationship with Texas Medicaid is to order or refer services for Texas Medicaid clients, TMHP has developed an abbreviated enrollment application titled "Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application Ordering and Referring Providers Only." This shortened application allows providers to enroll as an ordering or referring provider without participating as a rendering or billing provider within the state Medicaid program.

Medicaid clients who attempt to obtain prescription drugs using a prescription from a non-enrolled provider will be unable to obtain their prescribed medications starting October 16, 2017.

Important: Claims for items or services ordered, referred, or prescribed by interns or residents may include the NPI of a supervising physician.

Note: Individual providers enrolled in Medicaid as a rendering or billing provider can use their existing NPI for orders, referrals and prescriptions. Providers do not need to submit the additional abbreviated application. Individual providers employed by a facility, organization, federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health clinic (RHC) which is enrolled in Medicaid will need to complete the abbreviated application to order, refer, or prescribe services for their clients.

Note: This claims edit is not applicable to Medicare crossover claims. Providers who order, refer, or prescribe Medicare covered services for dual eligible clients will not need to enroll in Medicaid. However, Medicaid only services ordered, referred, or prescribed will require the ordering provider to be enrolled in Medicaid.

An Ordering/Referring Provider Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is being developed and will be available on the TMHP website in the near future.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.

If you have any questions please contact our Provider Relations Team at 1-915-532-3778 x1507 Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.