



MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: 10/10/2017

RE: Delayed Enrollment Requirement of Ordering, Referring, Prescribing Providers

UPDATE: Due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey and pending decisions that may impact the implementation of the Federal Regulation, HHSC is delaying the deployment of this requirement. All medical and pharmacy claims will continue to pay through calendar year 2017 regardless of the ordering, referring, or prescribing provider's Texas Medicaid enrollment status.

HHSC will begin enforcing the enrollment requirement in January 2018 for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), HTW program, and CSHCN Services Program. HHSC will provide specific dates and details in the coming weeks. *If possible, ordering, referring, and prescribing providers should begin the enrollment process before January by completing the application online on this site.*

Background: On July 15, 2016, Texas Medicaid announced Federal Regulation, 42 CFR 455.440 would immediately require claims for the payment of items or services that were ordered, referred or prescribed, to contain the National Provider Identifier of the physician or other professional who ordered, referred or prescribed the items or services. Additionally, Federal Regulation, 42 CFR 455.410 required all ordering, referring or prescribing providers to be enrolled as participating providers in Medicaid (this included prescription drugs dispensed at a pharmacy).

On June 2, 2017, Texas Medicaid sent an update to notify stakeholders that effective October 1, 2017, Texas Medicaid will deny claims for items and services ordered, referred or prescribed for any Medicaid, Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, or Healthy Texas Women (HTW) client when the provider who ordered, referred or prescribed the items or services is not enrolled in Texas Medicaid.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact our Provider Relations Team at 1-877-532-3778 x1507 m-f 8am-5pm.