

# Provider Focus

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## OPR Claims Edits Begin for All Providers; All Claims Denials Begin June 1, 2014

The Affordable Care Act now requires that Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) physicians be enrolled in Medicaid, even if the OPR provider is not filing claims. OPR providers should access the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) website at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) to register.

Editing for **all non-pharmacy** OPR claims began on April 1, 2014. The edit will be informational through May 31, 2014. As of June 1, 2014, DCH will begin to deny claims that require an enrolled ordering, prescribing or referring provider. Providers are encouraged to review their Remittance Advices (RAs) to see which claims are currently noncompliant with the OPR requirements.

Editing for OPR Pharmacy claims began on October 1, 2013. Pharmacy claims without the OPR provider's individual NPI are being denied.

Providers who order, prescribe or refer must be enrolled as Medicaid providers, even if they do not file claims. During the enrollment process, individual practitioner applicants have the option to list both their Individual and /or Organizational NPI numbers on the enrollment application. If the enrolling provider orders, prescribes or refers services for Medicaid members, the **individual practitioner's NPI must** be listed on the claim, **not an organizational NPI**.

For complete information, read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the DCH website.

## Revalidation and Application Fees Began April 1, 2014

The Department of Community Health (DCH) has now implemented – the Revalidation of Enrollment (Revalidation) and Application Fees requirements mandated under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

All providers are urged to update their contact information in the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS, [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)) as soon as possible to ensure proper continuity of communication. [Read more](#).

## ICD-10 Implementation Delayed to No Sooner than October 1, 2015

The implementation of the transition to ICD-10 Code Sets has been delayed by federal law (HR 4302) until at least October 1, 2015.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services expects to release an interim final rule soon that will include a new compliance date of October 1, 2015. The rule is expected to also require HIPAA-covered entities to continue to use ICD-9-CM through September 30, 2015.

While the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) will comply with this federal law, the department will continue its initiative for system remediation, internal and external testing, provider awareness and provider education as scheduled.

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DCH urges you to continue with your transition plans within your practices and businesses. ICD-10 information is just a click away. Visit [www.dch.georgia.gov/icd-10](http://www.dch.georgia.gov/icd-10) for more information and resources, as well as the most recent webinar schedule. The website also includes links to previous webinars.

Join the mailing list to receive updates to ICD-10 news, webinars and events by emailing [AskDCH@dch.ga.gov](mailto:AskDCH@dch.ga.gov).

## Spring Medicaid Fair Set for May 22; Focuses on ICD-10

Although the implementation of ICD-10 has been delayed until no earlier than October 1, 2015, DCH's spring Medicaid Fair on Thursday, May 22, will highlight the transition to ICD-10 along with numerous other timely topics. It will take place all day at the Gwinnett Convention Center off I-85 northeast of Atlanta.

In addition to the basic sessions for providers and office support staff, special sessions throughout the day will provide detailed information about the upcoming federally mandated transition to ICD-10 Code Sets, which has been delayed to no earlier than October 1, 2015. The day-long session will include presentations, panel discussions and an opportunity to talk one-on-one with various exhibitors about claims issues and other topics.

Claims tables will be available to providers. HP and DCH will be available to assist with researching specific claims issues. Please come prepared with pertinent claims information (ICN, member ID, etc.) to facilitate our research.

Registration is open at [http://www.seeuthere.com/hp/Medicaid\\_Fair\\_22May](http://www.seeuthere.com/hp/Medicaid_Fair_22May).

## Online-only Institutional Enrollment Begins September 1, 2014

Effective September 1, 2014, DCH and HP will no longer accept paper enrollment applications from institutional providers. All paper applications will be removed from the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)). Paper applications received on or after September 1, 2014, will be returned to the applicant with instructions to submit the application online through GAMMIS.

DCH is implementing this process to increase efficiency and effectiveness, reduce the administrative burden for the provider community, and expedite the enrollment process, which will reduce the time it takes enroll providers into Georgia Medicaid.

On January 1, 2015, DCH will implement this same process for all individual practitioners. Paper applications received on or after January 1, 2015, will be returned to the applicant with instructions to submit the applications online through GAMMIS. [Read more](#).

## Providers Receive ACA Rate Increase Payments

As of last fall, DCH began making the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Affordable Care Act (ACA) payment increases retroactive to January 1, 2013. There was a delay in retroactive payments for a subset of HealthCheck claims. However, that work was completed in early May with a reprocessing initiative that may result in some providers having to resubmit certain claims. HealthCheck providers will be given a 30-day window that begins on May 12 and continues through June 16, 2014, to

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adjust reprocessed claims. HealthCheck providers are encouraged to review their remittance advices thoroughly.

The state's contracted care management organizations (CMOs) began making retroactive payments to providers in early January 2014. Each CMO has developed its own schedule for making these payments to providers. According to self-reporting from the CMOs, here is the status of retroactive payments for dates of service between January 1 and December 31, 2013: Amerigroup, complete; Peach State Health Plan, complete; and WellCare, May 30.

## You Ask, We Answer

### *Health Check Mass Reprocessing*

#### **Q. What claims will be included in the Health Check Mass Reprocessing?**

**A.** The reprocessing will essentially provide the enhanced payment for the ACA provider rate increase for eligible HealthCheck claims. At the same time, some HealthCheck claims will be assessed for compliance with NCCI and Department of Community Health (DCH) billing requirements for vaccine administration. In some cases, claims originally paid may be denied or have detail lines deny because of the NCCI or vaccine administration billing requirements.

#### **Q. Where can I find more information about the Health Check Mass Reprocessing?**

**A.** There is an EPSDT Mass Reprocessing Reference Document located on the GAMMIS Web Portal under Provider Notices. It can also be accessed via the following link:  
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Provider%20Information/Provider%20Notices/tabId/53/Default.aspx>.

#### **Q: If a provider's appeal (DMA-520 or DMA-520A) of a denial on a claim is upheld by HP, is this the final option for the provider to get their claim paid?**

**A:** After receiving a denial of an appeal from HP, a provider can submit the request for an Administrative Review as outlined in Chapter 505 of the Policies and Procedures for Medicaid Peachcare for Kids Part I manual.

### **ICD-10**

#### **Q: I heard that Georgia Medicaid implementation for ICD-10 codes has been cancelled. Is this true?**

**A:** ICD-10 Code Sets has been delayed by federal law (HR 4302) until at least October 1, 2015.

#### **Q: Should I stop testing in my office?**

**A:** DCH encourages all providers, trading partners, clearinghouses and other stakeholders affected by the federally mandated transition to continue moving forward with transition plans.

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**Q: Will there be any more Medicaid training for ICD-10?**

**A:** DCH will continue to offer opportunities for education and training. For more information and the latest updates, visit [www.dch.georgia.gov/ICD-10](http://www.dch.georgia.gov/ICD-10).

## For Your Information

Visit the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) website, [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov).

If you have questions, contact HP Enterprise Services Contact Center at 800-766-4456.

Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) website, [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov).