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Dear Ordering, Referring, Prescribing Providers,

With the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) require all ordering, referring, and prescribing providers to be enrolled in the state Medicaid program (§455.410 Enrollment and Screening of Providers).

Traditionally, most providers have enrolled in the Kentucky Medicaid program to furnish covered services to Medicaid recipients and to submit claims for such services. However, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) now requires physicians or other eligible practitioners to enroll in the Medicaid program to order, prescribe, and refer items or services for Medicaid recipients. Further, this requirement applies to those ordering, referring, and prescribing providers who are enrolled with the contracted Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. This change is designed to ensure that all orders, prescriptions and referrals for items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries originate from appropriately licensed practitioners who have not been excluded from participation in Medicare and/or Medicaid. The change requires providers to include the ordering, prescribing and/or referring provider's NPI and taxonomy on all applicable claims. Further, the CMS Final Rule mandates that if items or services are ordered, prescribed or referred by a resident or intern, the claim must identify the teaching physician as the ordering or referring supplier and the teaching physician must be identified on the claim by his or her legal name and National Provider Identifier (NPI), and he or she must be an enrolled Medicaid provider.

This requirement also applies to out-of-state ordering, referring, and/or prescribing providers. These providers must also be enrolled in Kentucky Medicaid for services to be paid by Fee for Service (Traditional) Medicaid and with the contracted managed care organizations, should services be provided to impacted Medicaid recipients.

This requirement will be implemented beginning April 1, 2017 and will be applicable to all claims with dates of service beginning on that date and going forward. In order to give the affected providers time to comply with this requirement, claims with dates of service between April 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017 that do not meet this requirement will continue to be paid and a reminder notice will be provided to the provider of such claims. All claims which are submitted for dates of service beginning and after July 1, 2017 which do not comply with this requirement will be denied.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this policy change to better serve our providers and members. For questions regarding this notice, please contact the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services Provider Services toll free at 1-855-824-5615, 8 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Most sincerely,

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