

November 3, 2014

**RE: Georgia Ordering, Prescribing or Referring (OPR) Provider Notice & Claims Processing Impact**

Dear Peach State Health Plan Provider,

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 beneficiaries.<sup>1</sup> The enrollment requirement is applicable to physicians or other eligible practitioners even if they do not traditionally submit claims to Medicaid.

In order to comply with the ACA mandate and Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), Peach State Health Plan will institute the requirement that all ordering, prescribing and referring (OPR) providers must have an active and valid Georgia Medicaid Provider ID number associated with an Individual (Type 1) National Provider ID (NPI).<sup>2</sup>

**Claims received from rendering providers and facilities for services that are ordered, prescribed, or referred must contain the NPI of the Medicaid enrolled ordering, prescribing, or referring practitioner, as validated against the Georgia Medicaid Provider roster. The claims processing system will reject all claims submitted without the NPI of the OPR practitioner.**

Ordering, prescribing, and referring (OPR) providers who do not have a Georgia Medicaid Provider ID number or are unable to be identified on the state's Georgia Medicaid Provider roster may become enrolled **only** to meet the new ACA program integrity requirement. It does not include the obligation of being listed as a Medicaid provider of service for patient assignments. It is designed to ensure that all orders, prescriptions or referrals for items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries originate from appropriately licensed practitioners who have not been excluded from participation in Medicare or Medicaid. An online OPR enrollment application for a Georgia Medicaid Provider ID is available at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) – please visit the *Provider Enrollment* page.

In addition, OPR providers may also update inconsistent information by contacting DCH's Provider Enrollment Unit via the following:

- Local number: (770) 325-9600 / Toll-free number: (800) 766-4456
- Address: Provider Enrollment Services  
PO Box 105201  
Tucker, GA 30085
- Complete and return the applicable form found at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov):
  - NPI Submittal form
    - Use to add new or edit NPI information
- Medicaid/Peachcare for Kids Provider/Payee ID# Change of Information form
  - Use to make modifications to provider information (e.g. address information, telephone number, taxpayer ID)
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Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this policy change to better serve our members. For questions regarding this notice, please contact Provider Services toll free at 1-800-947-0633, 7am to 7pm, Monday through Friday.

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<sup>1</sup> 42 CFR 455.410(b) provides that the state Medicaid agency must require all ordering, prescribing, or referring physicians or other eligible professionals providing services under the State Plan, or under a waiver of the Plan, to be enrolled as participating providers.

<sup>2</sup> 42 CFR 455.440 provides that the state Medicaid agency must require all claims for the payment for items and services that were ordered, prescribed, or referred to contain the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the physician or other professional who ordered, prescribed, or referred such items or services.