MEMORANDUM

TO: **Pediatric Nursing/Home Health Aide Services Agencies (Private Duty Nursing) Providers**

FROM: Medicaid Provider Services team

DATE: **6/24/2022**

RE: **General Provider Referring Edits Memo**

Background

Maryland Medicaid will implement billing requirements, effective 9/1/2022, to comply with federal regulations regarding Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) practitioners. Under section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act and Code of Federal Regulations section 42 CFR § 455.410(b), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires ORP practitioner to ''be enrolled as participating providers" with the state Medicaid agency in order for their ordered, referred, and prescribed services to be paid by Medicaid.

- To comply with the federal rule, Maryland Medicaid will require that all claims from certain provider types include the NPI of an actively enrolled individual practitioner in the Referring Provider field.
- Medicaid will deny any claims from these provider types that do not include a referring practitioner NPI, or include a dummy NPI.
- The NPI must belong to an actively enrolled Maryland Medicaid individual practitioner. Claims will not be reimbursable if the referring practitioner NPI belongs to a group or facility.

Billing Requirements

For dates of service starting 9/1/2022, Maryland Medicaid will deny claims (billed via CMS-1500 or 837p) from certain provider types if the referring practitioner is not actively enrolled with Maryland Medicaid on the date of service. To receive payment, a provider's claim must include an ORP practitioner who has an active enrollment status on the date of service.

1. **How can providers prepare for this change?**
- Maryland Medicaid strongly encourages providers to update their billing practices to include an active ORP practitioner NPI on claims prior to these edits taking place.

2. **Provider Verification System (PVS)**

- For a provider to verify an ORP practitioner's status, billing providers can look up the enrollment status of an ORP practitioner using the Department's **Provider Verification System (PVS)**: https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/searchableProv/main.action
- You can search for a provider on PVS by entering an NPI, Maryland Medicaid provider ID, or the provider's name. PVS users can lookup a practitioner's Medicaid enrollment status for a specified date of service. Make sure to include the date of service if searching for a referring practitioner's enrollment status on a date in the past.
- Verifying the referring practitioner's enrollment prior to rendering a service will help prevent claim denials.
- Please review the PVS Overview for Providers at health.maryland.gov/providerinfo for instructions on verifying provider enrollment status with PVS.

3. How Practitioners Can Enroll
- Referring practitioners must enroll with Maryland Medicaid using the electronic Provider Revalidation and Enrollment Portal (ePREP).
- Practitioners may enroll either under the provider type of their professional licensure (e.g. physician) or as an ORP-only Provider.
- Practitioners who choose to enroll as ORP-only providers are unable to receive Medicaid reimbursement, or render Medicaid reimbursable services.
- Please visit http://health.maryland.gov/eprep for enrollment instructions or contact the ePREP call center at (844)-463-7768 for enrollment assistance.

For assistance, questions, or policy-related questions, please contact Dawnn Williams (dawnn.williams@maryland.gov).