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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Therapy Group Transmittal No. 02
November 16, 2020

TO: Therapy Group Providers

FROM: Alex Shekhdar, Acting Director
Medical Benefits Management

RE: Enrolling Rendering Maryland Medicaid Providers

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

On August 4, 2017, the Fee-for-Service Medicaid Program (the Program) notified group therapy providers via Therapy Group Transmittal No. 1 that individual/rendering providers who render services to Medicaid participants on behalf of therapy groups will need to be identified by NPI number in Box 24J on claims. While the Program asked all physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech language pathologist (SLP) providers to enroll as individual/rendering providers by January 1, 2018, the edit to deny claims submitted without an enrolled individual/rendering NPI was not activated in MMIS.

Effective January 1, 2021, the Program will activate the edit requiring the NPI of the individual/rendering provider to be included on the claim. Claims submitted with a date of service on or after this date, without the NPI of the enrolled individual/rendering provider, will be denied.

The Program will assign a new provider number to some therapy groups currently enrolled in Maryland Medicaid effective January 1, 2021. For those groups impacted, the Program will notify providers of their new Medicaid number by mail.

Any provider who renders services on behalf of a therapy group and is not currently enrolled with the Program, must enroll to avoid future claim denials. No action is required for therapy group enrollment, although the group may have to approve the rendering provider's affiliation. To enroll as an individual/rendering PT, OT, or SLP, please visit eprep.health.maryland.gov. For more information and ePREP resources, please visit health.maryland.gov/providerinfo.

You may verify a provider's active enrollment status using the Provider Verification System (PVS). Please access PVS at: https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/searchableProv/main.action.

If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact Stephanie Hood, Program Specialist, by phone at (410)767-3998 or by email at Stephanie.hood@maryland.gov.