



Ordering and Referring Practitioner Policy

Maryland Medicaid

Office of Medicaid Provider Services

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- Section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act and Code of Federal Regulations section 42 CFR § 455.410(b), requires ordering, referring and prescribing (ORP) providers to “be enrolled as participating providers” with the state Medicaid agency in order for their services to be billable to Medicaid.
- The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) likewise requires certain provider types to submit **Fee-for-Service (FFS)** claims with actively enrolled ORP providers for reimbursement from Maryland Medicaid.

Policy Specifications

- For Dates of Service (DOS) on or after **9/1/2022**, Maryland Medicaid will deny claims where the ordering/referring provider is not enrolled.
- FFS claims must contain the NPI of an individual ordering/referring practitioner actively enrolled with Medicaid on the date of service.
 - The ordering/referring practitioner NPI is distinct from the rendering or billing provider NPIs. It is the NPI of the individual practitioner who ordered or referred the service (e.g. the individual physician who ordered lab tests, x-rays, etc.)
 - Medicaid will deny any claims that include a dummy or a placeholder NPI or provider number.

Medicaid Provider Education

- Maryland Medicaid will be hosting a webinar on the referring practitioner policy **July 25th @ 1pm**
- This webinar will cover policy specifications, updates to billing procedures, and how to prepare for changes
- Please register at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7852202295921050636>