

Behavioral Health Redesign Brief:

Registration of Rendering Practitioners for Ohio Medicaid

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) are preparing to implement the redesign of behavioral health care services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries. The redesigned behavioral health benefit package is currently scheduled to go live July 1, 2016 with quarterly provider phase in opportunities until 6/30/2017. Along with the 7/1/2016 implementation of the new behavioral health benefit package, ODM will also begin requiring that the rendering practitioner for all behavioral health services be listed on claims submitted to Ohio Medicaid for payment. This requirement will be enforced regardless of whether a provider organization is billing Medicaid using the old code set or the new code set.

This MITS BITS is the first in a series of editions on this topic, each giving increasingly specific information.

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Ohio behavioral health providers should now begin developing a list of every member of their staff (full, part-time, or contracting) who render services to Medicaid beneficiaries on behalf of the provider agency. (This document refers to agency staff who render services as "PRACTITIONERS").

Once the agency develops a list of their staff practitioners, they should determine which practitioners require NPIs and enrollment with Ohio Medicaid.

Practitioners listed below will be required to have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) to render services to Medicaid enrollees AND they will be required to enroll in the Ohio Medicaid program (if they have not already done so). An NPI can be obtained by visiting the [National Plan and Provider Enumeration System website \(https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do\)](https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do). This no-cost registration is available to all health care providers.

Once a practitioner has obtained an NPI, they must also visit the [ODM Provider Enrollment page](#) and register with Ohio Medicaid as a rendering provider.

(<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/PROVIDERS/EnrollmentandSupport/ProviderEnrollment.aspx>).

The MITS practitioner registration process will become available in Mid-February, 2016. A special MITS BITS will be issued at that time giving step by step instructions and screen shots for MITS practitioner registration.

Practitioners required to have an NPI and be enrolled in Ohio Medicaid:

Physicians	Licensed Psychologists
Certified Nurse Practitioners	Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselors (LICDC)*
Clinical Nurse Specialists	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors
Physician Assistants	Licensed Independent Marriage and Family Therapists
Registered Nurses	Licensed Independent Social Workers
Licensed Practical Nurses	

* LICDCs will be able to begin enrolling on 7/1/2016

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After an agency's practitioners have enrolled as an Ohio Medicaid provider, **each behavioral health agency must "associate" or link their agency with each of its corresponding rendering practitioners.** This step must be performed in the secure section of the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) portal by the behavior health agency's MITS Administrator. (Step by step instructions and screen shots will be provided in an upcoming MITS BITS.) **The agency should insure that all practitioners are linked before July 1, 2016 so that claims can be submitted.**

July 1, 2016

After practitioner registration has been completed, **Medicaid claims** (including the appropriate rendering provider or modifier) may be submitted for dates of service on or after 7/1/2016. **Claims submitted without a rendering provider for dates of service on or after 7/1/2016 will be denied.**