

Behavioral Health Redesign Brief

Update on Rendering Practitioner Enrollment & Agency Affiliation

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has received a number of inquiries regarding the deadline for providers of community mental health and/or community substance use disorder services to enroll and affiliate rendering practitioners with their agency(ies). As a reminder, the **implementation date** for requiring rendering practitioners on Medicaid community behavioral health service claims **is January 1, 2017** (not July 1, 2016).

Practitioners who must enroll with Ohio Medicaid:

Physicians (MD/DO), Psychiatrists
Physician Assistants
Certified Nurse Practitioners
Clinical Nurse Specialists
Licensed Psychologists
Licensed Independent Social Workers

Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselors
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors
Registered Nurses
Licensed Practical Nurses
Licensed Independent Marriage and Family Therapists

Community behavioral health agencies must take two actions prior to January 1, 2017:

1. Continue enrolling rendering practitioners in MITS **and**
2. Affiliate those rendering practitioners with the employing agency.

MITS Technical Limitation: Agencies that have submitted their MITS revalidation request (Application Tracking Number [ATN] issued) cannot affiliate with their rendering practitioners until their revalidation is complete. However, **a rendering practitioner can affiliate themselves with their employing agency regardless of its MITS revalidation status.** Agencies providing community mental health and/or community substance use disorder services that are in the MITS revalidation process should work with their rendering practitioners to affiliate in MITS with their rendering practitioners.

Resources:

[Instructions](#) - Enroll rendering practitioners (April 19 MITS BITS).

[Instructions](#) - How to affiliate individual practitioners.