

DCF ALERT

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To: **Out of State Residential Providers and Facilities**

Subject: **CT Medical Assistance Program Provider Enrollment Requirement**

Dear Residential Providers and Facilities,

We are sending you this alert specifically because you provide important services for CT DCF involved children, who are placed in out of state Residential or Inpatient Facilities. This has critical impact for you, specific to orders you may render for prescriptions, laboratory services and durable medical equipment to these CT Medicaid covered children.

This alert is to inform you that as of September 1, 2013, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandates providers who order, prescribe, or refer clients for services and/or supplies to be enrolled in the CT Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) in order for the rendering provider to receive payment for the medications, supplies or services provided. For example, if a provider not enrolled in CMAP prescribes a medication for a CMAP member, claims from a CMAP enrolled pharmacy filling that prescription cannot be paid because the provider who wrote the prescription is not enrolled. Furthermore, if the rendering provider is aware that the ordering, prescribing or referring provider is not enrolled, the client may be unable to obtain the service.

To avoid potential disruptions of service for members as well as potential billing issues for the rendering providers, we are strongly encouraging ordering, prescribing and referring providers to enroll in CMAP. Providers have the ability to:

- Enroll as an Ordering, Prescribing, Referring (OPR) provider. A provider in this capacity **does not** have billing capability and will not receive reimbursement for services rendered.

The OPR enrollment is intended for an individual provider (including hospital based providers not affiliated with a hospital outpatient clinic) who wishes to participate solely as an ordering, prescribing, or referring provider and does not intend to bill or receive payment directly from CMAP. This enrollment type satisfies the ACA requirement which allows the practitioner to continue to refer CMAP clients to another provider for covered services and/or supplies or to prescribe medications.

OPR Enrollment Benefits:

- **OPR Providers will not be added to the CMAP provider search/referral engine.**
- **An abbreviated on-line version of the enrollment application (20 mins.) has been developed and is available for providers who wish to participate as an ordering, prescribing, or referring provider only.**

The abbreviated OPR Provider Enrollment application is available at **www.ctdssmap.com**. Select the Provider tab and then the Provider Enrollment tab from the drop down menu. Next select "Individual" for Application Type; then select "Ordering/Prescribing/Referring provider only" for Participation Type; and then select "Initial Enrollment" for Application. Complete the rest of the application by selecting the applicable Provider Type/Specialty from the dropdown menu and entering your specific information.

Please Note: Effective September 1, 2013, OPR Providers must be enrolled in CMAP to continue prescribing medications/supplies for or referring CMAP clients for services.

We thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Provider Relations Department at 1-877-552-8247.

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