

# PROVIDER ALERT

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Issued: **September 16, 2013**  
To: **All CT BHP Providers**  
Subject: **CT Medical Assistance Program Ordering, Prescribing and Referring (OPR) Provider Enrollment Requirement**

Dear Providers,

As of October 1, 2013, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandates those who order, prescribe, or refer (OPR) clients for services and/or supplies to be enrolled in the CT Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) in order for billing providers to receive payment for the medications, supplies or services provided.

Effective October 1, 2013, if a provider is not enrolled in CMAP and prescribes a medication for a CMAP member, claims from a CMAP enrolled pharmacy filling that prescription will not be paid because the provider who wrote the prescription is not enrolled. Furthermore, the member may be unable to fill their prescription. In addition, services requiring an order, such as laboratory and home health services, cannot be paid by CMAP if the ordering practitioner is not enrolled.

To facilitate enrollment and avoid potential disruptions of service for members, as well as potential billing issues for the billing providers, we have outlined the enrollment process for performing providers and OPR provides below:

## **PERFORMING PROVIDER ENROLLMENT**

Performing provider enrollment is intended for individual practitioners who are affiliated with a hospital, MH clinic, FQHC, psychiatric residential treatment facility and/or a group practice that is enrolled as an active CT Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) provider. Performing providers provide services under an enrolled CMAP entity and do not bill directly for services rendered.

## **ORDERING, PRESCRIBING REFERRING PROVIDER (OPR) ENROLLMENT**

OPR enrollment is intended for an individual practitioner (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.

**IMPORTANT**

**Providers who are currently performing providers for an enrolled CMAP facility and have completed enrollment as an OPR provider in error ...please contact HPES Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-842-8440. Inform the representative that you mistakenly enrolled as an OPR provider and you are requesting an ATN (Automated Tracking Number) to complete the performing provider enrollment.**

The abbreviated OPR Provider Enrollment application and the Performing Provider applications are available on the HP ES website:

- Go to [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com)
- Click on the Provider tab and then select the Provider Enrollment tab from the drop down menu.
- Select "Individual" for Application Type
- Select "Ordering/Prescribing/Referring provider only" or "Performing Provider for Participation Type
- Select "Initial Enrollment" for Application.
- Complete the rest of the application by selecting the applicable Provider Type/Specialty from the dropdown menu and enter your specific information.

**Please Note:**

**Effective October 1, 2013**, Providers must be enrolled in CMAP as a Performing Provider or an OPR Provider, or be in the process of enrollment to continue ordering, prescribing 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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