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Nursing Home Transmittal No. 272
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TO: Hospitals
Nursing Homes
Residential Treatment Centers
Dialysis Facilities
Home Health Agencies

FROM: Molly K. Marra, Director 
Maryland Medicaid Provider Services

RE: Attending Providers on Institutional Claims

NOTE: **Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.**

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program sent out General Provider Transmittal No. 86 on December 14, 2018 that included information about upcoming changes to the submission of institutional claims.

Effective June 1, 2019, all institutional claims submitted to Maryland Medicaid must include the NPI of an attending physician who is enrolled and in active status as a Maryland Medicaid provider. (This is a change from the deadline originally communicated in General Provider Transmittal No. 86.)

Under section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act and Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR § 455.410(b), ordering, referring, and prescribing (ORP) providers are required to “be enrolled as participating providers” with the state Medicaid agency in order for their ordered, referred, and prescribed services to be billable to Medicaid. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) interprets this enrollment requirement to include attending physicians supervising care in institutional settings, including hospitals, nursing facilities, and residential treatment centers. For such services, the attending physician serves as the ORP provider, and must be enrolled with the state Medicaid program for the service to be reimbursed by Medicaid.

To comply with this federal rule, Maryland Medicaid will require that all claims submitted via the 837i electronic claim form include the NPI of an enrolled attending provider who has an active status in the Maryland Medicaid program. To receive payment, an institutional provider’s claim will be required to meet the following criteria:

- The attending provider NPI field must be completed with a valid 10-digit number.

- The reported attending provider NPI must be a Type 1 (Individual) NPI belonging to an individual practitioner. A Type 2 (Organizational) NPI belonging to a professional group or facility is not permitted in the attending field.
- The reported attending provider NPI must belong to a provider who is enrolled and in active status in the Maryland Medicaid program.

Medicaid will deny claims with dates of service on or after June 1, 2019 that do not meet these criteria.

Attending physicians and other ORP providers must enroll with Maryland Medicaid using the electronic Provider Revalidation and Enrollment Portal (ePREP). Physicians who do not wish to enroll with Maryland Medicaid as independent solo practitioners may enroll as rendering providers by submitting an affiliation application together with their facility. Please visit <http://health.maryland.gov/eprep> for enrollment and affiliation instructions or contact the ePREP call center at (844)463-7768 for enrollment assistance.