

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What steps must a pharmacy take to enroll as a pharmacist prescriber group?**

To submit professional claims for patient assessments rendered to Maryland Medicaid participants for the purpose of prescribing contraceptives, a licensed pharmacy must first obtain a type 2 National Provider Identifier (NPI) through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) for the location it intends to enroll as a pharmacist prescriber group. The NPPES website is <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>.

The pharmacist may then use the new NPI to enroll as a group pharmacist prescriber via Maryland Medicaid's electronic provider enrollment portal, ePREP. To submit the application, the pharmacy must affiliate with at least one individual qualified pharmacist in order to submit the application.

### **2. I know my entity needs to be a licensed pharmacy to enroll as a pharmacist prescriber group, but the ePREP application does not include a license upload section. Where do I upload my license?**

Although the application does not include a section for license upload, applicants may still upload a license via the paperclip icon on the right side of the application. For more information, please see the [License Upload Instructions for Pharmacist Prescriber Groups](#).

### **3. What steps must an individual pharmacist take to enroll as a pharmacist prescriber renderer?**

The individual qualified pharmacist must apply as a rendering pharmacist prescriber provider. Please note: Any individual pharmacist who does not have a type 1 NPI will need to obtain one before applying.

The pharmacist will need to upload documentation of their Board-approved training completion as an addendum to the application. For ePREP resources, including instructions for providers and credentialers, visit [health.maryland.gov/ePREP](http://health.maryland.gov/ePREP). To apply, visit [ePREP.health.maryland.gov](http://ePREP.health.maryland.gov).

### **4. How do I obtain an NPI?**

The National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) administers the process of obtaining NPIs. Find the [application](#) for a new NPI and [application help](#) on the NPPES [homepage](#).

### **5. The NPPES application requires me to select a taxonomy. Which taxonomy should be used when applying for a Type 2 NPI?**

Since taxonomies are self-attested in NPPES, Maryland Medicaid encourages providers to select the taxonomy most applicable to their practice. Provider taxonomy codes and their description can be found on the Washington Publishing Company's [web page](#) (see Pharmacy Service Providers). For example, if the definition corresponding to “Pharmacist – 183500000X” seems most applicable to your practice, then that is the best choice.

### **6. Within a chain of pharmacies, must each location obtain a new Type 2 NPI?**

Each location that intends to submit professional claims to Maryland Medicaid for patient assessments must enroll via ePREP. However, pharmacist prescriber groups have the option to enroll multiple

locations under one NPI or separate NPIs. Therefore, you won't need to obtain a new NPI for each pharmacy location in a chain you intend to enroll as a pharmacist prescriber group. You may obtain one new, type 2 NPI for the whole chain.

### **7. Does each pharmacist at a particular site need to obtain a new NPI?**

If an individual pharmacist already has an individual (type 1) NPI, he or she can use the same one to enroll in Maryland Medicaid. Only the pharmacy itself will need to obtain a new, type 2 NPI. Each pharmacist who intends to provide services to Maryland Medicaid participants will need his or her own NPI in order for the pharmacy to bill for the services rendered by that provider.

### **8. Are there resources available to assist providers enrolling in Maryland Medicaid to provide this service?**

- For information about ePREP, visit [health.maryland.gov/ePREP](http://health.maryland.gov/ePREP). For application assistance or inquiries, call the ePREP call center: 1-844-463-7768.
- For information about Board of Pharmacy-approved training programs and forms developed for pharmacists prescribing contraceptives, visit the [Maryland Board of Pharmacy Contraception Prescribing webpage](#).
- Find regulations governing pharmacists and pharmacist prescribers at [COMAR 10.09.21 Pharmacist Prescribers](#) and [COMAR 10.34.40 Pharmacists Prescribing Contraceptives](#).
- For eMedicaid signup and instruction, please visit <https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/>
- Please direct any other Program-related questions to [mdh.pharmacistenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.pharmacistenrollment@maryland.gov)

### **9. What services are covered?**

Once enrolled, pharmacist prescribers may bill Maryland Medicaid for the patient assessment rendered. The purpose of the patient assessment is to determine whether to prescribe contraceptives and which contraceptive to prescribe. Maryland Medicaid has designated new patient code 99202 (10-minute office visit) and established patient code 99211 (5-minute office visit) for pharmacist prescribers to bill for the patient assessment.

The purpose of the patient assessment is to determine whether to prescribe contraceptives and which contraceptive to prescribe. The Maryland Board of Pharmacy has developed forms to guide pharmacists prescribing contraceptives. To view them, visit the [Maryland Board of Pharmacy Contraception Prescribing webpage](#).

### **10. How do I bill for the patient assessment?**

To be reimbursed, the provider must bill via CMS-1500 eClaim. Pharmacies should NOT bill Conduent for the patient assessment. If you are billing for services rendered to a HealthChoice MCO enrollee, you would bill the enrollee's MCO. If you are billing for services rendered to a fee-for-service participant, you would bill Medicaid directly.

Please use place-of-service code 01 (pharmacy). The Maryland Medical Assistance Program's reimbursement rates and procedures for payment are contained in the Professional Services Provider Manual and Fee Schedule. You'll find this information on the [Medicaid Provider Information page](#).

