

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

April 15, 2011

Sean Parnell, Governor

*4501 Business Park Blvd
Suite 24 Bldg L
Anchorage, AK 99503-7167
Telephone: (907) 334-2400
FAX (907) 561-1684*

Re: Prescriptions for Medicaid recipients must be from enrolled prescribers.

Dear Pharmacists and Technicians:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (known as the Affordable Care Act) made several changes to the Medicaid program regarding provider screening and enrollment requirements and program integrity requirements to reduce fraud, waste or abuse. The new federal regulations, **42 CFR Parts 405, 424, 447, 455, 457, and 498**, contain a number of new requirements with very significant change applicable to the Medicaid program. One new requirement of considerable importance is **§ 455.410 (b)**:

"The State Medicaid agency must require all ordering or referring physicians or other professionals providing services under the State plan or under a waiver of the plan to be enrolled as participating providers."

Effective **June 15, 2011** changes to the pharmacy claims processing system will require all claims for Alaska Medicaid recipients to be prescribed by enrolled providers. All prescriptions from non-enrolled providers will reject and not be eligible for reimbursement. No overrides will be available to bypass the edits.

To minimize the impact of this change please be sure to verify the accuracy of the prescriber information submitted. Claims submitted with the incorrect prescriber ID may reject due to the incorrect prescriber not being an enrolled provider. Please note that claims incorrectly submitted with the wrong prescriber NPI number, including claims submitted with an institution's NPI number, are not eligible for reimbursement and will be recouped by the Department.

Please contact me at (907) 334-2425 or Chad Hope at (907) 334-2654 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Campana, R.Ph.
Medicaid Pharmacy Program Manager

cc: Kimberli Poppe-Smart, Deputy Commissioner
Chad Hope, Pharm.D., Medicaid Pharmacist