

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## **IHCP reminds school corporations and other providers to include an ordering provider**

*Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 455.440* states that a state Medicaid agency must require all claims for payment for items and services that were ordered or referred to contain the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the physician or other professional who ordered or referred such items or services. The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is reminding enrolled school corporations that this requirement applies for all school-based services requiring a referral or order from an IHCP-enrolled provider. Claims submitted for Indiana's First Steps program are also subject to this requirement.



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***A school corporation or First Steps program NPI is not an acceptable NPI for the physician or other professional ordering or referring the service.***

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School-based services requiring an order or referral include but are not limited to the following:

- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Respiratory therapy
- Speech-language pathology and hearing services

Providers can refer to the appropriate IHCP provider reference module for a complete list of provider types that may refer or order a particular service. The provider reference modules are accessible from the [IHCP Provider Reference Modules](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers). *Note: Please see [Page 2](#) for information specific to school psychologists and the upcoming ordering, prescribing and referring (OPR) enrollment availability.*

Failure to include the NPI of the provider ordering the service will result in a claim denial. A follow-up publication will be issued later this summer with specific details around the claim denials.

**Specific to school psychologists**

*Indiana Code IC 20-28-1-11* permits a school psychologist who is employed by a school corporation to refer a student for the following Medicaid-covered school-based services, for purposes of referrals required under *42 CFR 440.110*:

- Speech-language pathology and hearing services provided by a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist
- Occupational therapy services provided by an occupational therapist
- Physical therapy services allowed within a physical therapist's scope of practice



Currently, the IHCP allows only licensed independent practice school psychologists to enroll as rendering providers. The IHCP is pursuing a separate ordering, prescribing or referring (OPR) enrollment for school-based school psychologists that will be available later this summer. School corporation (provider type 12) enrollments will not be impacted by this change.

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