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IHCP clarifies NPI requirement for attending providers on institutional claims

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) published *IHCP Bulletins* <u>BT2024170</u> and <u>BT202515</u> requiring a National Provider Identifier (NPI) for attending providers on inpatient, outpatient, ambulatory surgical center (ASC) and long-term care (LTC) services. The publication previously required that the attending provider must be enrolled as an ordering, prescribing or referring (OPR) provider or as a rendering provider classification on the date of the first service.



The IHCP has become aware of some individual providers who are enrolled under the billing enrollment classification. When used as an attending provider, these individuals are causing claim denials, even when the individual's enrollment meets the compliance requirements established in *Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 455.410(b)* and 42 CFR 455.440.

The IHCP is pursuing a system change allowing all providers, regardless of enrollment classification, to indicate whether they have a Type 1 (individual) or Type 2 (organizational) NPI. System configuration changes will be made to ensure that actively enrolled billing providers with a Type 1 NPI are allowed to act as the attending provider on institutional claims.

Until the system configuration is complete, providers may seek an administrative review or dispute of a claim denied inappropriately due to this issue. Providers should include documentation from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) NPI Registry tool showing the individual has an active Type 1 NPI on the date of a claim. Providers should also include a copy of this bulletin as documentation for their administrative review or dispute.

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