



Prescriber Enrollment Project Cancelled No Longer Applies to Managed Care Out-of-Network Providers

Texas Health and Human Services recently obtained clarification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that 42 CFR 455.410(b) is not applicable to out of network providers serving managed care clients. Any provider who orders, refers, or prescribes drugs or services for a Traditional Medicaid client is subject to 42 CFR 455.410(b) and must be enrolled with the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP). However, out of network providers that order, refer, or prescribe only for managed care enrollees are not required to enroll with TMHP. HHS previously directed MCOs to outreach to non-enrolled prescribers and affected members to inform them of the requirements set forth in 42 CFR 455.410(b). Based on this new direction from CMS, MCOs should cease all such communications to providers and members and make sure all provider manuals and member handbooks are updated to reflect this new direction. MCOs must not at any time deny pharmacy or medical claims because the ordering, referring, or prescribing provider is not enrolled with TMHP.