



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **Billing Clarification for Medical and Behavioral Health Group Practices**

#### **Provider Type 20, Provider Type 23, and Provider Type 27**

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This is a clarification to the updated Provider Billing Notice sent on July 25, 2018 ([here](#)). This alert is specifically for physician groups (Provider Type 20 group practices) and nurse practitioner groups (PT 23 group practices) who bill the Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS). Maryland Medicaid has specific provider types that are billable to the behavioral health ASO versus the MCOs. Provider Type 20 and Provider Type 27 are the only group provider types that can bill the ASO.

Previous communication has stated that providers who operate in a group practice type or are licensed by the Behavioral Health Administration are required to have unique MA/NPI numbers per site per service type. Group practices without unique MA/NPI numbers create system issues for authorizations and claims processing by the ASO.

Providers will experience claims issues in the Incedo Provider Portal resulting in payments not being issued. Physician groups and nurse practitioner groups that provide both medical services (billing MCOs) and behavioral health services (billing the ASO) will need to update their provider profiles in MMIS using one of the options detailed below.

#### **Physician Group**

Option 1: A physician group (PT 20) that provides behavioral health services at multiple locations:

- a. Obtain a unique NPI for each location
- b. Submit a new application for each location in the ePREP portal
- c. Email the ePREP Application ID# to [mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov), this will allow the Medicaid BHU to assist you with follow up

Option 2: A physician group that provides behavioral health services may enroll as a Mental Health Group Therapy provider (PT 27):

- a. Obtain a unique NPI
- b. Submit a new application for a Mental Health Group Therapy provider (PT 27) in the ePREP portal
- c. Email the ePREP Application ID# to [mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov), this will allow the Medicaid BHU to assist you with follow up

Option 3: A physician group that provides behavioral health services at multiple locations may enroll each location as a Mental Health Group Therapy provider (PT 27):

- a. Obtain a unique NPI for each location
- b. Submit a new application for each location in the ePREP portal
- c. Email the ePREP Application ID# to [mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov), this will allow the Medicaid BHU to assist you with follow up
- d.

### **Nurse Practitioner Group**

Nurse practitioner groups who bill the ASO for behavioral health services must enroll as a mental health group therapy provider (Provider Type 27). Nurse practitioner groups (Provider Type 23) may only bill the MCOs.

Option 1: A nurse practitioner group currently enrolled as a PT 23 that provides only behavioral health services:

- a. May retain current NPI
- b. Submit a new application for a Mental Health Group Therapy provider (PT 27) in the ePrep portal
- c. Email the ePREP Application ID# to [mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov), this will allow the Medicaid BHU to assist you with follow up; please indicate in your email which option you choose
- d. Once the PT 27 group is enrolled, the PT 23 group will be terminated

Option 2: A nurse practitioner group currently enrolled as a PT 23 that provides both behavioral health and medical services:

- a. Obtain a unique NPI
- b. Submit a new application for a Mental Health Group Therapy provider (PT 27) in the ePrep portal
- c. Email the ePrep Application ID# to [mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov), this will allow the Medicaid BHU to assist you with follow up; please indicate in your email which option you choose
- d. Use your existing PT 23 group to bill for medical services to fee for service or the MCOs and the new PT 27 group to bill the ASO for behavioral health services

Please note that if your billing department needs to be able to determine the specific location that a service was rendered, you will need to enroll each individual location with a unique NPI.

You may contact [mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov) for any questions regarding this requirement.

Many thanks,

Optum Maryland Team