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IHCP clarifies attending provider guidelines announced in BT2024170

As instructed in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin BT2024170*, the IHCP is enhancing enforcement of *Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 455.410(b) and 42 CFR 455.440*. This means that all institutional claims must have a valid attending provider on the claim. An institutional claim includes outpatient, inpatient, long-term care, home health and hospice claims. A valid attending provider must be enrolled as either a rendering provider, or an ordering, prescribing or referring (OPR) provider with the IHCP.



The IHCP is further clarifying the previously issued guidance. In *BT2024170*, the bulletin stated to “use the NPI [National Provider Identifier] of the individual provider that rendered the service.” The IHCP will use a broader definition to conform to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) definition. Per *Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Matters MM12889*, “an attending provider is the individual who has overall responsibility for the patient’s medical care and treatment reported on institutional claims.” In some instances, the attending provider may be the member’s certifying physician.

For billing providers enrolled as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IIDs), this definition is further expanded to include qualified intellectual disability professionals (QIDPs). If not already enrolled with the IHCP, the QIDP may enroll as an OPR provider. The IHCP allows for the following QIDPs to enroll as an OPR provider:

- Psychologists
- Licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy
- Social workers
- Occupational therapists
- Speech pathologists or audiologists
- Physical therapists

For more information

For information on how to enroll as an OPR provider, please refer to *Section 5: Ordering, Prescribing or Referring Providers (Type 50)* of the [Provider Enrollment](#) provider reference module at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

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