



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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REFERRING, ORDERING, PRESCRIBING, ATTENDING (ROPA) PROVIDERS REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH AHCCCS

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures) require that all health care providers who provide services to, order (refer), prescribe, or certify health care services for AHCCCS members must be enrolled as an AHCCCS provider.

Until these Acts passed, referring, ordering, prescribing and attending providers were required to obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI), but were not required to be enrolled as an AHCCCS provider.

After January 1, 2021, claims which include referring, ordering, prescribing or attending providers who are not enrolled with AHCCCS will not be reimbursed. AHCCCS encourages all providers who are not currently registered with AHCCCS, but who are referring, ordering, prescribing or attending providers, to register as an AHCCCS provider as soon as possible. Service providers whose claims include referring, ordering, prescribing or attending providers who are not registered with AHCCCS should work with these providers to complete their registration.

DDD will be updating the uniformed billing template and 837 Professional form in order to comply with ROPA requirements.

See the frequently asked questions on the [AHCCCS website](#) for more information.