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TO: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacies, Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Indian Health Service Providers

APPLIES TO: Dental

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Ordering Referring Prescribing (ORP)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Regulations within the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are intended to strengthen the integrity of the state's Medicaid program and require that providers who prescribe (order), or who are indicated as a referral on a Medicaid claim, must be enrolled as participating providers in the program.

No provider type or facility is exempt from this ACA requirement. This requirement impacts all medications processed through the Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system. If a dentist is the ORP, they must be enrolled with the IME or enrolled as an ORP with the IME. This information is shared with the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and their pharmacy vendors, which allows the pharmacy vendor to recognize that the provider is enrolled with the IME. **Dentists are not required to be contracted or credentialed with the MCO, however, the pharmacy does have to be contracted or credentialed to process prescriptions.**

It is important to note that this requirement impacts all Iowa Medicaid members. Not enrolling with Iowa Medicaid can delay member access to vital medications and cause unnecessary complications.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at IMEproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.