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Michigan health providers must enroll in system by Oct. 1 for Medicaid patients to be able to fill prescriptions

LANSING, Mich. – Health care providers are facing an important upcoming enrollment deadline that is necessary for their Medicaid beneficiaries to be able to continue to fill prescriptions.

To meet federal requirements, providers who prescribe medications to Medicaid beneficiaries must enroll by Oct. 1, 2019, in the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) – the state’s online Medicaid enrollment system. Under federal requirements, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will prohibit payment for prescription drug claims written by any provider who is not enrolled in CHAMPS.

“At MDHHS we want to make sure that Michigan’s Medicaid beneficiaries are able to continue to fill the prescriptions they need to be healthy,” said Kate Massey, MDHHS deputy director for Medical Services Administration and Medicaid director. “We encourage providers to register in CHAMPS as soon as possible to avoid any interruptions in patients’ drug therapy.”

The federal Affordable Care Act and the 21st Century Cures Act require prescribers to enroll. The purpose of this requirement is to protect beneficiaries by strengthening program integrity and care quality. The requirement applies to all providers who prescribe drugs – including medical residents.

Providers who want information about the enrollment process and how to get started can visit Michigan.gov/MedicaidProviders and click on the “Provider Enrollment” box. Providers who have questions on the process can call MDHHS Provider Support at 800-292-2550.

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