

Pharmacy Billing Guidance Exceptions for Non-Enrolled Prescribers

The New York State (NYS) Medicaid program requires enrollment of all licensed prescribers and pharmacies who serve Medicaid members, including prescribing practitioners identified on pharmacy claims per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and federal regulations. However, under the Medicaid Provider Enrollment Compendium (MPEC) found here:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-integrity/affordable-care-act-program-integrity-provisions/index.html>, there are two exceptions to the provider enrollment requirement that are allowed and are listed below:

1. Interns, Residents and Foreign Physicians in Training

Pharmacies will receive the following reject codes/POS rejection messaging for prescriptions written by interns, residents, and foreign physicians in training:

REJECT CODE 889 - (PRESCRIBER NOT ENROLLED IN STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.)

THE PHARMACY CAN OVERRIDE THE CLAIM IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION BY USING SCC 55.

2. Out-of-State (OOS) Licensed Prescribers that are treating Medicaid Members for a single instance of emergency care within 180 days. These prescribers need to be either enrolled Medicare with an “approved” status or are enrolled in their own state’s Medicaid plan.

Pharmacies will receive the following reject codes/POS rejection messaging for prescriptions written by OOS licensed prescribers:

REJECT CODE 889 - (PRESCRIBER NOT ENROLLED IN STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.)

THE PHARMACY CAN OVERRIDE THE CLAIM IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION BY USING SCC 55.

Please Note:

- Pharmacist should document the enrollment status of the OOS licensed prescriber in Medicare or Medicaid in their own state and the circumstance in which the claim qualifies for a single instance of emergency medical care as noted above.
- Pharmacists should use their professional judgement when using the overrides according to the above policy, prescriber's information at hand, and member history available. Pharmacists should contact AMIDA CARE directly for claims that do not meet the exceptions outlined above.

Questions:

All questions regarding this policy can be directed to **Amida Care Pharmacy Department at 646-757-7979.**