

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: Medicaid provider responsibility to screen ordering/referring/prescribing providers for Federal and State suspension or termination

This bulletin is to clarify Medicaid provider responsibility to screen ordering/referring/prescribing providers for Federal and State suspension or termination status. Nebraska Medicaid is prohibited from paying for services provided as a result of an order/referral/prescription from a suspended or terminated provider.

When a provider is suspended or terminated from Nebraska Medicaid, Nebraska Medicaid may not make reimbursement for services, items, or drugs that are provided, referred, furnished or prescribed by the suspended or terminated provider or caused to be provided, referred, furnished, ordered or prescribed for a Medicaid client (See 471 NAC 2-002.05 <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/reg/t471.htm>).

Providers should verify ordering/referring/prescribing provider status by checking Federal data bases ([www.epls.gov](http://www.epls.gov) and <http://www.exclusions.oig.hhs.gov> ) and Nebraska Medicaid Excluded Providers database (<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/pi/docs/Excluded-Providers.pdf>). Any individual identified in these databases is not eligible to order/refer/prescribe services, products or drugs for Nebraska Medicaid clients.

Ordering/referring/prescribing providers must also have an active professional license and must comply with Nebraska Medicaid policy and claim form completion instructions.

If you have any questions or need assistance in determining if a provider is suspended, please contact Karen Cheloha at 402-471-9394 or [DHHS.MedicaidProgramIntegrity@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidProgramIntegrity@nebraska.gov). It is your responsibility as a Nebraska Medicaid provider to ensure that you have current regulations. This includes provider handbooks, appendix material, provider bulletins and all updates.