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TO: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Retroactive Enrollment of Providers

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

Due to changes in the provider screening and enrollment process resulting from requirements mandated by Section 6401 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, effective October 1, 2012 Nebraska Medicaid will no longer retroactively enroll providers. Enrollment will become effective on the date all required enrollment activities are completed by Nebraska Medicaid Provider Enrollment staff. This date will be in the enrollment confirmation letter that is sent out once the provider is enrolled. Providers cannot be paid for services performed prior to the enrollment date.

Exception: Payment may be made for services provided prior to the completion of the enrollment process if the services provided were emergency care, the provider met all eligibility requirements at the time the service was provided, and if the agreement is signed and on file with the Department within 30 days of the date of service. Emergency care is defined in NAC 471 2-004.04A as medically necessary services provided to an individual who requires immediate medical attention to sustain life or prevent any condition which would cause permanent disability to bodily functions. All requests for this exception must be made in writing, must accompany the Service Provider Agreement (MC-19) and other required enrollment documents, and must contain sufficient information to aid the Department in determining the appropriateness of retroactively enrolling the provider.

All ordering, referring, prescribing, attending, and service rendering practitioners must be enrolled in order for payment to be considered on claims submitted for services ordered, referred, prescribed and performed for Nebraska Medicaid recipients.

As a reminder, Nebraska Medicaid regulations require providers to enroll in the Medicaid program prior to enrollment with the Medicaid Managed Care plans.

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