

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Matthew Ahern, Interim Director *MLA*
Date: December 8, 2023
Re: Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy Services (OT/PT/ST)

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans of the Division's regulatory interpretation of [471 NAC 14-004.02\(1\)](#) and [471 NAC 23-004.02\(1\)](#) Covered Services: "The services are ordered by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner;"

A physician assistant (PA) signed prescription for OT/PT/ST services meets the requirements of [471 NAC 14-004.02\(1\)](#) and [471 NAC 23-004.02\(1\)](#) for submitting a claim. The physician remains responsible for the work of the PA as defined by the scope of practice.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Catherine Gekas Steeby, Policy Administrator via email at: Catherine.gekassteeby@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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