



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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All Providers

Effective Immediately

Clarification

Appropriate Billing Reminder

Nurses are not included within the Montana State Plan as billable providers, and are not eligible to enroll within the Montana Healthcare Programs. Generally, all services must be provided and billed by providers who are recognized and enrolled within the Montana Health Care Program. Moving forward, Montana Healthcare Program providers are expected to bill accordingly.

Providers have inquired whether services provided by nurses may be billed under an enrolled provider's ID number. There are exceptions where a nurse's services may be billed under the Medicaid enrolled provider number if the services fall under the following:

- **Billing for Procedure 99211** (Minimal office/other outpatient visit for evaluation and management – established patient):
 - May only be billed when an enrolled provider (i.e. physician or mid-level provider) is on-site at the time of service;
 - Visit must be documented to support a clinical reason for billing the procedure; and
 - Visit must be separately identifiable from other services.
 - Enrolled provider must sign off on record of services provided.
- **Do Not:**
 - Bill for a new patient visit.
 - Bill in addition to evaluation and management services provided by the enrolled provider.
- **Provider Orders:**
 - Must have orders for established patients, signed by the enrolled provider that are relevant to the patient, service and timeline.
 - Examples: administration of vaccines; injections, dispensing of medications, lab services that the enrolled provider is authorized to perform.
 - May only bill the procedure code relevant to service in standing order.
 - Enrolled provider must also sign off on record.

Please see the additional information below related to FQHC/RHC:

Services and supplies furnished by a non-core provider are considered incident to a core-provider encounter. Therefore, these services are not separately billable as a stand-alone visit. Examples of a non-core provider are lab technicians, dental hygienists, LPNs, RNs, etc.

Vaccine administration furnished by a non-core provider is separately reimbursable when provided to HMK eligible members. Please note, vaccine administration is considered incident to a core-provider encounter if provided on the same day, and under this situation is not separately reimbursable.

Contact Information

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For additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.

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