



IMPORTANT

Effective August 15, 2019, FMMIS will begin checking that the NPI number for referring, ordering, and attending providers is present on fee-for-service claims and encounter submissions.

Florida Medicaid is preparing for compliance with the federal requirements that **all** ordering or referring physicians or other **professionals providing services to Medicaid** recipients **must be enrolled with the State Medicaid agency**.

The new Error codes, Explanation of Benefits (EOB) codes, and new Claim Adjustment Reason Code/Remittance Advice Remark Code (CARC/RARC) combinations described below are informational only and will not result in a denial.

Effective August 15, 2019, the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) **will begin checking** that the National Provider Identification (NPI) number for referring, ordering, and attending providers **is present on fee-for-service claims and encounter submissions**. This requirement is applicable for claims and encounters that include a date of service on or after August 15, 2019.

The EOB codes will post on the Remittance Advice (RA) and the CARC/RARC combinations will post on the X12 835 claim payment / advice transaction.

Providers that receive the edits **should verify** that the referring, ordering, or attending provider supplied on the claim or encounter is identified by a **valid NPI number**. NPI records may be reviewed at <https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov>

Providers may continue to receive the aforementioned edits even after the referring, ordering, or attending provider's NPI number is verified and properly documented on the claim or encounter if the referring, ordering, or attending provider is not enrolled in Florida Medicaid.

Florida Medicaid will perform outreach to referring, ordering, and attending providers for enrollment compliance in the coming months. **Florida Medicaid will monitor provider enrollment levels and issue multiple provider alerts prior to taking any action to deny claims** and encounters that do not identify referring, ordering, and attending providers by a valid NPI number that is known to Florida Medicaid.

INSTITUTIONAL providers will receive the following edits if the attending or referring practitioner is NOT identified by an NPI number:

- Error code **I275** Attending Provider NPI missing CARC/RARC combination 206/N253
- Error code **I278** Attending Provider NPI not enrolled/registered with State Medicaid Agency CARC/RARC combination 208/N253.
- Error code **I260** Referring Provider NPI missing CARC/RARC combination 206/N286.
- Error code **I262** Referring Provider NPI not enrolled/registered with State Medicaid Agency CARC/RARC combination 208/N286.

PROFESSIONAL providers will receive the following edits if the ordering or referring practitioner is NOT identified by an NPI number:

- Error code **I260** Referring Provider NPI missing CARC/RARC combination 206/N286.
- Error code **I262** Referring Provider NPI not enrolled/registered with State Medicaid Agency CARC/RARC combination 208/N286.
- Error code **I280** Ordering Provider NPI missing CARC/RARC combination 206/N265.
- Error code **I281** Ordering Provider NPI not enrolled/registered with State Medicaid Agency CARC/RARC combination 208/N265.