

Why are Providers required to participate in PERM?

Providers are required by section 1902(a)(27) of the Social Security Act to:

- Retain records necessary to disclose the extent of services provided to individuals receiving assistance.
- Furnish CMS or their agent with information regarding any payments claimed by providers for furnishing services including medical records.

Furthermore, according to Florida Statutes, it is a condition of participation in Florida Medicaid that providers are required as part of their Medicaid provider agreement responsibilities, to:

- Keep, maintain, and make available in a systematic and orderly manner all medical and Medicaid-related records as AHCA requires for a period of at least five (5) years.
- Send, upon request, or as required by applicable handbooks, and at the provider's expense, legible copies of all Medicaid-related information to authorized state and federal employees, including their agents. The provider shall give state and federal employees, including their agents, access to all Medicaid patient records and to other information that is inseparable from Medicaid-related records.