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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Provider Type(s): All

Updates to Health Care Clinic Licensure for Florida Medicaid Providers

During the 2020 Florida legislative session, an exemption to health care clinic licensure for Florida Medicaid providers was added to Section 400.9905, Florida Statutes. As a result of this legislative change, Florida Medicaid providers are not required to seek health care clinic licensure.

Effective July 1, 2020, Florida Medicaid does not require any provider to show proof of licensure as a health care clinic nor proof of exemption from licensure as a health care clinic. Current, reenrolling, or new Florida Medicaid providers **do not need** to show proof of licensure as a health care clinic nor proof of exemption from licensure as a health care clinic.

Florida Medicaid is working to update the [Enrollment Policy](#) (Appendix E) to remove these requirements to align with Section 400.9905, Florida Statutes for all of the below providers:

Provider Type Code	Provider Type Description
30	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (Groups only)
60	Audiologist (Groups only)
39	Behavior Analysis (Groups only)
28	Chiropractor (Groups only)
05	Community Behavioral Health Services
35	Dentist (Groups only)
61	Hearing Aid Specialist (Groups only)
50	Independent Laboratory
34	Licensed Midwife (Groups only)

Provider Type Code	Provider Type Description
63	Optician <i>(Groups only)</i>
62	Optometrist <i>(Groups only)</i>
25	Physician (Doctor of Medicine - M.D.) <i>(Groups only)</i>
26	Physician (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine D.O.) <i>(Groups only)</i>
29	Physician Assistant <i>(Groups only)</i>
27	Podiatrist <i>(Groups only)</i>
51	Portable X-ray Company
31	Registered Nurse/Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) <i>(Groups only)</i>
66	Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
07	Specialized Therapeutic Services <i>(Groups only)</i>
83	Therapist Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy <i>(Groups only)</i>

Florida Medicaid providers may *voluntarily apply* for a certificate of exemption from licensure as a health care clinic. Most health care providers who apply for an exemption certificate do so because Medicare or private insurance companies require documentation of licensure or exemption from licensure prior to authorizing reimbursement for services. If you choose to apply, application forms and information are online at

http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Health_Facility_Regulation/Hospital_Outpatient/HealthCareClinic/hcc_exempti

Please note: The health care clinic rules and application forms have not yet been updated to reflect the recent statutory changes. If an entity is attempting to qualify under a newly added exemption, they can submit an application along with appropriate fees, a cover letter stating the exemption sought and appropriate supporting documentation.

For additional assistance please contact the Florida Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055.

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