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IHCP issues policy correction regarding the maximum panel slots for APNs serving as PMPs

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT201584](#) that, effective January 1, 2016, certain enrolled advanced practice nurse (APN) practitioners are allowed to serve as primary medical providers (PMPs) with the IHCP's managed care programs. This policy applies to nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists holding appropriate certification and licensure to practice medicine.

In that bulletin, the maximum allowed panel slots for APNs was incorrectly stated as 500 members per managed care entity (MCE). **The correct maximum allowed panel slots for APNs is a cumulative total of 500 members across all MCEs for all IHCP programs. This policy directive supersedes the information previously announced.** Effective July 1, 2016, the IHCP will track the assignment of members to enrolled APNs and monitor their panel sizes to ensure APNs do not exceed a total of 500 members. MCEs will be notified when PMPs have exceeded the IHCP maximum panel size.



Providers are reminded that effective July 1, 2016, the IHCP requires all APNs be enrolled as IHCP providers for billing purposes (see *IHCP Bulletin* [BT201585](#)). This requirement applies to nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists. Enrolled APNs may continue to bill using the supervising physician's National Provider Identifier (NPI), unless the APN is rendering services as the member's PMP and the member is assigned to the APN's primary care panel, in which case the APN must bill using his or her own NPI.

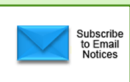
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