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Physician assistants eligible to enroll as IHCP providers

Effective August 1, 2017, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will expand its eligible providers to include physician assistants. This new provider type will allow professionally licensed physician assistants to enroll as IHCP providers. These providers will be classified using the following provider type and specialty code: provider type 10 – *Physician Assistant* and specialty code 100 – *Physician Assistant*.

Physician assistants must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and hold a valid professional license to enroll with the IHCP. Physician assistants may enroll as a billing provider or as a rendering provider under a group practice. Enrollment applications should be submitted using the IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal or the appropriate IHCP provider enrollment packet. After enrolling as a provider with the IHCP, physician assistants may enroll as a provider with the IHCP's managed care programs – Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Healthwise, or Hoosier Care Connect – by applying directly with one or more of the contracted managed care entities (MCEs). A physician assistant enrolled in an MCE network is eligible to serve as a primary medical provider (PMP). Additionally, physician assistants can serve as Right Choices Program (RCP) providers.

If enrolling as a billing provider, claims submitted for physician assistant services must be billed using the physician assistant's NPI, rather than using the NPI of the supervising physician along with a modifier on the procedure code. Reimbursement for physician assistant services will be paid at 75% of the allowed amount.



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