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## IHCP to allow APNs to serve as PMPs

Effective January 1, 2016, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will allow certain enrolled advance practice nurse (APN) practitioners to serve as primary medical providers (PMPs) within its managed care programs. This allowance applies to nurse practitioners (NPs), nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) holding appropriate certification and licensure to practice medicine. The APNs must be credentialed and enrolled with the managed care entity (MCE) to maintain a primary care panel in the MCE's network. The maximum allowed panel slots for APNs will be 500 members per MCE. Services must comply with IHCP policies and be billed in accordance with IHCP guidelines.

When billing for services rendered to members included on their primary care panel, APNs must use their own National Provider Identifier (NPI) on the claim form.

The IHCP Eligibility Verification System (EVS) through Web interChange and the Automated Voice Response (AVR) system may not correctly display the member's PMP for a short time following the January 1, 2016, effective date. Providers should check the website of the MCE with which the member is enrolled to determine the member's correct PMP. Providers will be notified when EVS updates have been completed.



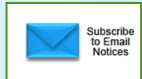
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