

## Medicaid Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) Provider Enrollment Requirements

To enhance program integrity, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all providers (including out of state) who order, refer, or prescribe to Medicaid recipients to enroll with the state's Medicaid program, even if they do not bill directly for services. This requirement applies to professional, pharmacy, and institutional claims. This is part of a federal rule (42 CFR § 455.410) from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Effective immediately, providers who order, refer, or prescribe items or services for South Carolina Medicaid members must enroll with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) as a Medicaid provider regardless of whether they submit claims for these items or services. This applies to providers who currently order, refer to or prescribe items or services for Medicaid members and to providers who anticipate they may in the future.

Providers may enroll online through the SCDHHS website by visiting [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov) and navigating to *Providers >> Become a Medicaid Provider >> Apply Online*. Providers should select the "Ordering/Referring" provider type when enrolling. Providers who are only enrolling as an Ordering/Referring provider only need to enroll with SCDHHS and do not need to contract directly with Absolute Total Care.

Ordering, Referring and Prescribing frequently asked questions and enrollment guidance published by SCDHHS can be found online by visiting [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov) and navigating to *Providers >> Ordering, Referring and Prescribing (ORP)* section of its website.

Beginning February 16, 2026, claims received that are ordered, prescribed, or referred by providers that are not enrolled with the State Medicaid program, will be adjudicated with "soft" edit *EXOR Ordering Rendering Provider Not Enrolled / Registered with Medicaid*. The data validation edit EXOR will not deny the claim and is intended to identify state Medicaid program enrollment of provider on the claim is necessary for future claims to pay.

In the future, Absolute Total Care will be required to deny claims that are ordered, prescribed, or referred by providers that do not enroll with the State Medicaid program. Absolute Total Care will release future communication when the "soft" edit is retired, and claims received will be denied.

Your attention to this notification is appreciated. If you have any additional questions, you may contact Absolute Total Care Provider Services at 1-833-433-6041 or your [Provider Engagement Account Manager](#) for additional information.