

Medicaid e-News

Important Billing Reminders:



Billing: Top 10

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) understands how important it is for providers to be paid in a timely manner. Below are the top 10 questions to ask when filling out claims to ensure prompt payment.

1. Am I enrolled with Iowa Medicaid?

2. Where does my provider number (National Provider Identity (NPI) or atypical provider number) go on the claim form?

- 3. Do I have my taxonomy code on the claim?
- 4. Am I billing the right payor for these dates of service?

5. Have I verified eligibility for this member for these dates of service?

- 6. Are these services covered under my NPI?
- 7. Is the procedure code payable for my provider type?
- 8. Does the claim match the prior authorization?
- 9. Do I have all the necessary signatures?

10. Is there a primary carrier which should be billed first?



Iowa Medicaid Member Services 1-800-338-8366

Iowa Medicaid Provider Services 1-800-338-7909

Provider Services <u>Amerigroup Iowa, Inc</u>. 1-800-454-3730

AmeriHealth Caritas 1-844-411-0579

United Healthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc. 1-888-650-3462

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Members may contact their assigned nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) broker at the numbers below to schedule their NEMT services:

Claims Definitions:

Clean Claims: All information required for processing is present.

Denied: Claim is received and services are not covered benefits, are duplicate, or have other substantial issues that prevent payment.

Suspended: Claim is pending internal review for medical necessity and/or may need additional information to be submitted for processing.

Rejected: Claims that don't meet minimum data requirements or basic format are rejected and not sent through processing.

Timely Claims Processing Requirements:

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) must pay or deny

- 90 percent of clean claims within 14 calendar days of receipt,
- 99.5 percent of clean claims within 21 calendar days of receipt and
- 100 percent of all claims within 90 calendar days of receipt.

Provider Resource Pages

Comprehensive provider resource pages are available for each Managed Care Organization (MCO), featuring provider training manuals, webinars and important updates. View them below:

Amerigroup.com/IAProvider

AmeriHealthCaritasIA.com/IAProvider

UHCCommunityPlan.com/IAProvider

Tools and Resources:

Verify Eligibility

The Eligibility and Verification Information System (ELVS) line is very busy during the first of the month. The <u>ELVS web portal</u> is another option for providers in lieu of calling the ELVS line but each provider must enroll through the Electronic Data Interchange Support Services (EDISS). The ELVS web portal allows for multiple eligibility checks and batch submission, where as the ELVS phone system only allows for one at a time.

Login ID and password may be obtained through EDISS by submitting the following <u>Access Request Form</u> to EDISS or calling EDISS at 1-800-967-7902.

For more information, please see Informational Letter 1650-MC available <u>here</u>.

Amerigroup Iowa Inc. Logisiticare 1-844-544-1389

AmeriHealth Caritas, lowa Inc. Access2Care 1-855-346-9760

UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc. MTM 1-888-513-1613

Medicaid Fee-for-Service Access2Care/TMS 1-866-572-7662

New Provider Informational Letters Informational letters are posted through the Iowa Medicaid Portal Application (IMPA) system and are available on the DHS website here. These letters communicate important policies and procedures for providers and their administrative staff.

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Resource Guide for Providers' Front Desk Staff

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) has put together a useful tool for administrative staff which includes important phone numbers, claims submission information and more.

Download and print the Managed Care Quick Reference Guide <u>here</u>.

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