

Medi-Cal Enrollment Requirements and Procedures for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is establishing Medi-Cal provider enrollment requirements for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCCs). Effective June 9, 2019, LPCC providers may apply for enrollment in the fee-for-service Medi-Cal program as individuals, group providers, rendering providers or crossover-only providers.

In accordance with *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14043.75(b), the director is establishing the specific application and enrollment requirements for LPCC providers who apply for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program to be reimbursed for the covered services they provide to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. These requirements implement and make specific W&I Code, Sections 14043.26 and 14043.15 and, as such, have the full force and effect of law. Also, this bulletin does not substitute for or eliminate all other enrollment requirements set forth in W&I Code, Section 14043.26.

Please note that this regulatory bulletin **does not authorize** Associate Professional Clinical Counselors to enroll in or bill Medi-Cal directly.

In addition, this regulatory bulletin **does not authorize** LPCCs to enroll as Drug Medi-Cal providers.

LPCC applicants may apply to enroll in the fee-for-service Medi-Cal program by submitting a complete application package to the Provider Enrollment Division (PED) of DHCS. In accordance with *California Code of Regulations* (CCR), Title 22, Section 51000.50, DHCS will take action on the submitted application package within 180 days of receipt.

Providers and applicants may create an account or log in to the Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) portal [here](#).

Requirements for Enrollment as an Individual LPCC Billing Provider

To enroll as an individual billing provider, an LPCC must be currently licensed with the California Board of Behavioral Science. All LPCC applicants requesting consideration for enrollment must complete and submit an electronic application through the [PAVE](#) online enrollment portal as an individual billing provider, along with all supporting documentation.

Requirements for Enrollment as an LPCC Group Provider

CCR, Title 22, Section 51000.16 states: "Provider Group' means two or more rendering providers doing business together under a provider number at the same business location." In order to enroll as a group, there must be two or more individuals providing services, at least one of whom is appropriately licensed with the California Board of Behavioral Science and the other provider is also a licensed provider of a type currently allowed to enroll as a Medi-Cal provider. LPCC applicants requesting consideration for enrollment as a "group provider" will need to complete a provider group application through the [PAVE](#) portal along with all supporting documentation. When applying as a group provider, in addition to the group provider application, a complete rendering provider application must be submitted in PAVE for each individual provider not enrolled in Medi-Cal who is rendering services for the group and a Rendering-S application must be completed in the [PAVE](#) portal for each individual provider who is enrolled in Medi-Cal and who is rendering services for the group.

Requirements for Enrollment as a Rendering Member of a Medi-Cal Enrolled Provider Group

CCR, Title 22, Section 51000.21 states: “Rendering Provider’ means an individual provider who renders healthcare services, or provides goods, supplies, or merchandise, as a member of a provider group and uses the provider number to bill the Medi-Cal program.” To enroll as a rendering provider of a Medi-Cal enrolled provider group, the rendering LPCC must be currently licensed with the California Board of Behavioral Science. All LPCC applicants requesting consideration for enrollment as new rendering providers must complete and submit a rendering provider application through the [PAVE](#) portal, along with all supporting documentation. Currently enrolled LPCC providers must report joining a group by submitting a Rendering-S application through the [PAVE](#) portal.

Requirements for Enrollment as a Crossover-only Provider

Providers enrolled in Medicare who want to submit only crossover claims need to submit a crossover-only application through the [PAVE](#) portal to receive the authorization to bill Medi-Cal for cost-sharing amounts.

Requirements for Enrollment as an Ordering/Referring/Prescribing (ORP) Provider

ORP providers who are requesting enrollment in the Medi-Cal program for the sole purpose of ordering, referring or prescribing items or services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries may enroll by submitting a complete ORP application through the [PAVE](#) portal, along with all supporting documentation.

Providers can access more information about PAVE on the Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) page of the DHCS website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE.aspx>.