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## Referring, Ordering, Attending (ROPA) Providers Required to Register with AHCCCS

***Beginning July 1, 2024***, claims submitted by fee-for-service providers that include a referring, ordering, or attending provider who is NOT registered with AHCCCS will be denied.

Fee-for-service claims that include an unregistered prescribing provider are not subject to this deadline. Referring Ordering Attending Provider Information. To begin the enrollment process, visit [AHCCCS Provider Enrollment](#).

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures) require that all health care providers who refer AHCCCS members for an item or service, who order non-physician services for members, who prescribe medications to members, and who attend/certify medical necessity for services and/or who take primary responsibility for members' medical care must be registered as AHCCCS providers. AHCCCS calls this initiative, and these providers, "ROPA."

Until these acts passed, referring, ordering, prescribing, and attending providers were required to obtain and maintain a National Provider Identifier (NPI), but were not required to be registered as an AHCCCS provider, but with the implementation of ROPA requirements any registrable healthcare provider who is not already registered as an active AHCCCS provider must register or be identified as an Exception non-registerable provider\*, if applicable.

To make the ROPA registration process as simple as possible, AHCCCS developed a streamlined application for ROPA providers who meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES),
- Already fully enrolled in Medicare or another state's Medicaid program, and
- Do not intend to bill AHCCCS for services.

### **Steps To Comply with ROPA**

If you are a provider who refers, orders, or acts as an attending provider for AHCCCS members, and you are not represented on either of the above lists, you must begin the registration or exception provider designation process.

If you are a provider who receives a referral or order from a provider who is not on either of these lists (as appropriate), your fee-for-service claim will not be paid as of July 1, 2024. ROPA enrollment can be initiated using the [APEP Provider Enrollment Portal](#)