

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Pharmacist Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program		BY  Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISe to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISe-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise licensed pharmacists that they may enroll in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program to provide services to MA beneficiaries.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to pharmacists enrolled or seeking to enroll in the MA Program to render services to MA beneficiaries. Pharmacist billing and payment in the fee-for-service delivery system will be addressed in a separate bulletin. Pharmacists should direct questions about credentialing or rendering services to MA beneficiaries in the managed care delivery system to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On October 1, 2020, the Department of Human Services (Department) issued MA Bulletin 24-20-02, titled "COVID-19 Specimen Collection and Testing at Pharmacies," that, in part, advised providers that the Department created provider specialty (Spec) 247 (Pharmacist) for pharmacies to use when billing for COVID-19 specimen collection by pharmacists (<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/Publications/Documents/FORMS%20AND%20PUBS%20MAP/MAB2020100101.pdf>).

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Fee-for-Service Provider Service Center: 1-800-537-8862

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>.

The Department has received requests to allow pharmacists to enroll and be paid for services they provide that are open on the MA Program Fee Schedule and within their scope of practice as permitted by State law. This will expand access for MA beneficiaries to receive pharmacist services, such as administering immunizations and disease and medication therapy management, by allowing payment for services rendered by pharmacists in additional settings like in physician offices, clinics and other non-pharmacy service locations.

PROCEDURE:

All practitioners must enroll in the MA Program in order to be paid by the Department. Beginning March 1, 2024, the Department will enroll licensed pharmacists to render services within their scope of practice to MA beneficiaries. Pharmacists will be enrolled as Mid-Level Practitioners with a pharmacist specialty as follows:

Provider Type	Specialty Code	Specialty Code Description
10	247	Pharmacist

Pharmacists who work at multiple service locations or offices must enroll each location at which they provide services. For additional information related to the enrollment requirements and application process, pharmacists should refer to the Department's website at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISe-Enrollment.aspx>.

Pharmacists already enrolled in MA Program as a Provider Type (PT) 24 (Pharmacy)/Spec 247 will be updated to PT 10/Spec 247. There is no need to re-enroll.

Pharmacists with the Department of Health Tobacco Cessation Counseling Certification on file will have the Spec 370 (Tobacco Cessation) added to their PT 10 provider enrollment file.

RESOURCES:

Pharmacists interested in providing Tobacco Cessation Counseling services should refer to MA Bulletin 99-18-10, titled "Enrollment of Tobacco Cessation Providers", available on the Department's website at: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/Publications/Documents/FORMS%20AND%20PUBS%20OMAP/c_275896.pdf.

Pharmacists working at multiple service locations or offices, should refer to MA Bulletin 99-18-11, titled "Service Location Enrollment Deadline", available on the Department's website at: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/Publications/Documents/FORMS%20AND%20PUBS%20OMAP/c_284208.pdf.

Pharmacists may access the online Provider enrollment portal at: <https://promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/provider/Home/tabid/135/Default.aspx>.