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Providers Must be Enrolled with DHS Prior to Submitting Contract Requests

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) no longer accepts contract requests from providers that are not enrolled with the MN Department of Human Services (DHS) as published in provider bulletin P47R1-23 FINAL MHCP Enrollment for MCO In-Network Only Providers.pdf (bluecrossmn.com). Providers must either be listed on the Provider Enrollment and Credentialing Database (PECD) file or have an approval letter from DHS for the NPI or UMPI that is being submitted for contract consideration.

Providers that hold a Provider Service Agreement with Blue Cross under a separate NPI or UMPI must be enrolled with DHS to align with the requirement. Any new NPI or UMPI must be actively enrolled with DHS to submit a contract request form for consideration.

All MCO in-network providers who have an existing contract with an MCO, with an effective date prior to July 17, 2023, must enroll with DHS by July 15, 2024. An exception to this is for the following provider types, requiring a site visit from DHS: Community Mental Health Center, Rehab Agency, Day Treatment, Private Duty Nurse, and Medical Transportation. These specialties must enroll by December 31, 2024.

Federal law (the 21st Century Cures Act) requires the state agency (DHS) to enroll and screen all Medicaid providers, both those in Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and those in managed care organization (MCOs) networks. This is detailed in the 6.12.1.1 "Provider Selection and Enrollment with the STATE" section of DHS managed care contracts.

The enrollment process with MCHP allows the provider to choose to provide services to MCO members only or FFS members only, or both. Refer to the <u>Enrollment with MHCP</u> manual page for additional information on the types of providers DHS enrolls and how to proceed with enrollment.

Questions?

Please contact Provider Services at 651-662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.

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