

OPRA PRESENTATION

9/24/24 & 9/26/24

Questions & Answers

Q	Do OTs and PTs need to be OPRA enrolled?
A	No. OTs and PTs cannot order services; therefore, they do not need to enroll in OPRA.
Q	What if we have an SLP that says that they are OPRA enrolled, but we do not find that person on the eMedNY Search Screen?
A	<p>If a provider is searched on the eMedNY Search Screen and is OPRA enrolled, the provider will come up as enrolled in the search. If confirmation is needed, you can always contact the eMedNY Call Center (800-343-9000). The provider's NPI # will be needed for the inquiry.</p> <p>On another note, if the provider feels that they <i>are</i> enrolled, but the search indicates that they are <i>not</i> enrolled, it may be because the SLP did not mail their <i>Revalidation Enrollment Form</i> to eMedNY within the appropriate timeframe (which comes due every five years after the initial enrollment). When a provider does not revalidate within 45 days of the Final Revalidation Letter, the provider's enrollment is automatically terminated. Re-enrollment is required if a provider is terminated. Typically, this occurs because the provider moved and did not complete a change of address form with eMedNY. As a result, the Revalidation Form is not completed/submitted within the appropriate timeframe so the provider's enrollment is terminated.</p>
Q	Can electronic signatures be used on the eMedNY Enrollment Form?
A	I would contact the eMedNY Call Center (800-343-9000) to see if eMedNY will accept an electronic signature on the OPRA Enrollment Form. Please note that there are very specific requirements that need to be in place for an electronic signature to be accepted on Medicaid documentation. Please review Medicaid Q&As #129 & #130 (https://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/q_and_a/q_and_a_combined_revised_12_9_16.pdf) for more detailed information. If you are using a computer-image of your signature (JPEG) and placing it on a signature line or if you are using a cursive font and typing your name on the signature line, those signature types fall into the category of signature stamps; which are not accepted on Medicaid documentation.
Q	Can the agency check a provider's revalidation date?
A	Yes. The <i>Medicaid Provider Listing</i> (Medicaid Enrolled Provider Lookup State of New York (ny.gov)) has a column labeled, " <u>Next Anticipated Revalidation Date.</u> " The link to this listing is also included with the Webinar Follow-up in the Knowledge Base Links.
Q	Do you need to be enrolled in OPRA if you only conduct evaluations?
A	Yes. For evaluations and services to be Medicaid reimbursable the ordering provider must be OPRA enrolled.
Q	Does a CF need to become OPRA enrolled once he/she becomes fully licensed?
A	Yes, but the CF must wait for their official license in order to submit the enrollment form. A copy of the SLP's license must be included with the enrollment form.

Q	What is the four-digit code that SLPs must use on the application?
A	The webinar follow-up includes a link to instructions (INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING A NEW YORK STATE ENROLLMENT FORM FOR (emedny.org)) for completing the eMedNY Enrollment Form. The enrollment form instructions includes a section that lists the four-digit category codes for OT, PT and ST providers. There is also a slide in the OPRA Presentation that shows the category codes.
Q	Does a LCSW need to be OPRA enrolled to write prescriptions for counseling evaluations?
A	Please see <i>Medicaid Q&A # 19</i> (https://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/q and a/q and a combined revised 12 9 16.pdf), which delineates the requirements for <i>ordering services</i> and the <i>credentials for ordering providers</i> that provide services under SSHSP for each covered service. <i>Medicaid Q&A #207</i> specifically names who falls under the category of <i>school official</i> . You will also find this information on the last two slides of the presentation in the Appendix.
Q	If the agency has a Medicaid enrolled provider to attend the first session with the child (who will write the speech referral for all students on the non-enrolled SLP's caseload), does the tracking information still need to be sent to McGuinness?
A	Yes. All SLP's that are not OPRA enrolled will be flagged during the credential verification process as not being OPRA enrolled. As a result, the SLP will be placed on a conditional approval period for 30 days so they can submit their OPRA Enrollment form to eMedNY. If the 30-day conditional approval period expires without McGuinness having the tracking information for the OPRA Enrollment form, the agency will not be able to submit billing to the county until the tracking information is received.
Q	Does the agency need to have SLPs enroll in OPRA even if we have another SLP that can diagnose and write the referral for the child?
A	Please see the response to the question noted above. All Full-Service Medicaid counties require SLPs to be OPRA enrolled. Not being OPRA enrolled will impact the agency's ability to submit billing to the county.
Q	If an OPRA-enrolled SLP is seeing the child for the first session in order to diagnose the child and create the digital order, what should be written in for the description for the session note?
A	McGuinness cannot give clinical advice. That being said, there needs to be enough information in the note that shows that the SLP had enough information available along with the first visit to diagnose the child and prepare the prescription. The SLP can enter that the child's IEP was reviewed, the child's eval was reviewed and the child was observed for the purpose of preparing a prescription <u>as an example</u> .
Q	Is there any follow up required between the two SLPs (enrolled and non-enrolled) on a regular basis?
A	No. This is not a UDO situation; both providers are fully licensed. The OPRA-enrolled provider is only seeing the child once because it is required by Medicaid in order to write the Speech Referral.
Q	How is someone notified when their revalidation has expired?
A	Revalidation is required every five years (Revalidation (eMedNY.org)). Just before the end of the five-year period, eMedNY will send an <u>Initial Revalidation Letter</u> to the address that was entered on the eMedNY <u>Initial Enrollment Form or the last Revalidation Enrollment Form</u>). There will also be a <i>Final Revalidation Letter</i> that will come sometime after the <i>Initial Revalidation Letter</i> .

	<p>If the SLP does not submit their <i>Revalidation Enrollment Form</i> to eMedNY within 45 days of the <u><i>Final Revalidation Letter</i></u>, the SLP's enrollment will be terminated. If the SLP's address (https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/610101_BPGCOA_FRM_Address_Change_Form.pdf) is not updated with eMedNY, the SLP will most likely not receive the Revalidation notification.</p> <p>The <u><i>Medicaid Provider Listing</i></u> (https://health.data.ny.gov/Health/Medicaid-Enrolled-Provider-Listing/ke9i-qx5t/data) does show the provider's <u><i>Next Anticipated Revalidation Date</i></u>. Or you can call the eMedNY Call Center to request the next Revalidation Date (800-343-9000). The provider's NPI # will be required for the inquiry.</p>
Q	How do you submit tracking information to McGuinness?
A	You can email your tracking information to the Medicaid Support Team at Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com .