



Department of Medicaid

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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: New Rule 5160-1-80, "Substitute practitioners (locum tenens)"

New rule 5160-1-80, "Substitute practitioners (locum tenens)," sets forth coverage and payment policies for services rendered by a substitute practitioner. A substitute practitioner is a practitioner who generally does not maintain an individual practice and who works in place of the regular practitioner on a contract basis when the regular practitioner is absent. Payment for services rendered by a substitute practitioner is made to the regular practitioner; the substitute practitioner receives payment from the regular practitioner on a fee-for-time basis.

The new rule takes effect for dates of service beginning October 1, 2018.

Notes on Claim Submission

The regular practitioner must be enrolled as an Ohio Medicaid provider.

On claims submitted to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, modifier Q6 must be appended to the procedure code, and the national provider identifier (NPI) of the regular practitioner must be entered for the rendering provider. On dental claims, modifier Q6 must be reported in the notes field.

The NPI of the substitute practitioner must be maintained in the medical record.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Questions pertaining to this letter should be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid:

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