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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Clarification of services provided by a substitute practitioner

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.

This rule has been amended to clarify the existing policy for payment of a substitute practitioner. For services provided by a substitute practitioner, payment will not be available if the regular practitioner is the member of a practice arrangement involving more than one practitioner of the same scope or specialty.

Additionally, language was added to clarify that the substitute practitioner cannot be sanctioned under Medicare, Medicaid, or Title XX and cannot be otherwise prohibited from providing services to Medicare, Medicaid, or Title XX.

The effective date of this rule is January 1, 2020.

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>.