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Subject: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities: New Medicaid & N.C. Health Choice Billing Requirements

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of changes to billing requirements.

**Effective July 1, 2015**, all Institutional (UB-04/837-I) claims for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) services must include the name and National Provider Identification (NPI) of the *beneficiary's attending psychiatrist and billing provider* for reimbursement.

If the attending psychiatrist's NPI is not entered on the claim, the claim will deny with Explanation of Benefit (EOB) Code **03101**, "THE TAXONOMY CODE FOR THE ATTENDING PROVIDER IS MISSING OR INVALID."

The attending physician must:

- Be the psychiatrist who has overall responsibility for the beneficiary's medical care and treatment
- Be actively enrolled in the N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice (NCHC) programs

- Have a psychiatric taxonomy in compliance with N.C. Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy 8D-1, *Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Children under the Age of 21*, [N.C. Administrative Code 10A-27G.1902](#), and the [North Carolina State Medicaid Plan 4.19-A](#).

Clinical Coverage Policies are posted on the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/mp/](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/mp/).

Through this action, N.C. Medicaid and NCHC billing practices for PRTFs will be brought into compliance with federal requirements from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have questions, please contact Catharine Goldsmith at [Catharine.goldsmith@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Catharine.goldsmith@dhhs.nc.gov) or (919) 855-4295.

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