



Pharmacist Provider Status: Steps to Becoming a Pharmacist Provider with PA Health & Wellness

Per Medical Assistance Bulletin 2024021301: “Beginning March 1, 2024, the Department will enroll pharmacists as PT 10 (Mid-Level Practitioner)/Spec 247.”

The Pharmacist Provider Status Program allows enrolled pharmacists to practice at the top of their license as recognized mid-level practitioners under Pennsylvania Medicaid. Pharmacists who enroll with PA Health & Wellness may directly provide and bill for covered clinical services, including medication therapy management (MTM), medication adherence support, vaccine administration and injections, smoking and tobacco cessation counseling, select lab testing, and evaluation and management services. This program expands access to care for members, supports improved outcomes for patients with chronic conditions, and creates a sustainable, reimbursable clinical service model within the community pharmacy setting.

1. Steps to complete before starting process with PA Health & Wellness:

- a. Each pharmacist participating in provider status will need an NPI number if they do not have one already.
 - i. If you do not have an NPI number, Access the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Website and create an account:
 1. <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/>
 2. Complete registration and the application to obtain an NPI number
 3. Full instructions can be found here:
[Nppes.cms.hhs.gov/assets/How_to_apply_for_an_NPI_online.pdf](https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/assets/How_to_apply_for_an_NPI_online.pdf)
- b. Each pharmacist participating in provider status will need to register with the State of Pennsylvania through the PA Medicaid PROMISE Portal.
 - i. <https://promise.dhs.pa.gov/portal/provider/Home/tabid/135/Default.aspx>
 - ii. Complete a New Application for Provider Enrollment
 - iii. Full instructions can be found here:
<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/providers/providers/documents/Pharmacists--Enrollment-PowerPoint-02152024.pdf>
 - iv. Once completed, you should receive a welcome letter and confirmation of enrollment
- c. Each pharmacist will need to complete CAQH credentialing.
 - i. You can follow the instructions on the CAQH website here if needed
<https://proview.caqh.org>

2. Steps to complete with PA Health & Wellness:

- a. Follow the instructions on the PA Health & Wellness “Become a Provider” page at <https://www.pahealthwellness.com/providers/become-a-provider.html>
 - b. Complete the following form:
<https://www.pahealthwellness.com/content/dam/centene/Pennsylvania/pdfs/PHW%20Contract%20CIF%20Form%202.17.23.pdf>
 - c. Email the form to ContractInitiationForm@Pahealthwellness.com.
 - d. A Contract negotiator will be assigned to the new provider and will reach out to send the credentialing packet.
 - e. Once the completed credentialing packet is received the provider will receive a contract.
 - f. Once a signed contract is received from the Pharmacist – The contract and credentialing documents are sent to the Provider Data Management (PDM) team.
 - g. PDM team sends to Corporate team for loading in PHW’s system (About 60-days timeframe)
 - h. The PHW Provider Engagement team will reach out regarding new provider orientation to newly contracted pharmacists.
 - i. Each pharmacist should register for an account on the PA Health & Wellness Provider Portal Home Page to bill for services rendered as part of the provider status program if this avenue is needed for billing.
3. Once the enrollment been completed and approved by our contracting department, along with all configuration steps being completed, claims should be able to be billed through the approved billing platforms by the state.
 4. For information on billing codes allowed by law as a pharmacist providing services to patients, please see the following Medical Assistance Bulletin 2024021301:
<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/publications/documents/forms-and-pubs-omap/MAB2024021301.pdf>