

PACE/CRDP/SPBP PROVIDER BULLETIN

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PRESCRIBER EDIT ENHANCEMENT

Effective Monday January 4, 2016, the Program is enhancing the prescriber NPI edit. Currently the Program uses a database that only ensures that the NPI is listed with the NPI Registry.

Beginning in 2016, the Program will check that the submitted prescriber has an NPI listed on the Program's database and that Pennsylvania prescribers have a valid license. Additionally any prescriber that is identified as precluded or terminated on the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services' Medichex list will have his/her prescription from any program denied.

Claims failing this edit will deny with NCPDP Error 71, "Prescriber Is Not Covered."

Prescriber NPI's identified as one of the following will deny:

- Hospitals, health organizations, physician practices.
- Pennsylvania physicians in training (MT's or OT's) *whose license has expired* and who did not become licensed (MD or OS) physicians in the Commonwealth.
- Prescribers whose NPI identify them as not being licensed to prescribe (example Jane Doe NPI 1231231231 is an LPN; Jane Doe NPI 1456789789 is a surgeon).
- Prescribers with multiple licenses, i.e. OA, MA, SP etc., whose NPI identifies a license the prescriber chose not to renew.

Prescribers whose NPI is not on the Program's file will have the claim accepted and the NPI researched to insure its validity.

Questions may be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.