

# ProviderAlert

**To:** All Select Health of South Carolina Providers

**Date:** January 21, 2026

**Subject:** Medicaid Enrollment of Ordering, Referring and Prescribing (ORP) Providers

Effective immediately, all providers who order, refer, or prescribe services or items for Medicaid members must be enrolled with South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS).

Select Health is required to comply with directives outlined in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and federal rule (42 CFR § 455.410), in which all providers who order, refer or prescribe services or items for Medicaid members be enrolled in the state's Medicaid program, **even if they don't bill Medicaid directly.**

Select Health will use the NPI of the ordering, referring or prescribing provider (ORP) included on the rendering provider's claim to validate the provider's enrollment with SCDHHS. A claim submitted by the rendering provider will be denied if it is submitted without the ORP provider's SCDHHS enrolled Provider's NPI, or if the NPI does not match that of a SCDHHS enrolled provider.

Providers may enroll through the [SCDHHS website](#) and select the 'Ordering/Referring' provider type. Providers who are only enrolling as an Ordering/Referring provider only need to enroll with SCDHHS and do not need to contract with Select Health. Physicians and other providers already enrolled with SCDHHS and who submit claims to Select Health are not required to enroll separately as ORP-only providers. For more information and frequently asked questions, visit the [new OPR section of the SCDHHS website](#).

If you are not enrolled for ORP as required by SCDHHS, your patients will receive denials for prescribed services or items and claims will be denied.

Please share this important information with your billing staff. If you have questions, please contact your Select Health [Provider Account Executive](#).