



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2387-MC-FFS-CVD

DATE: October 17, 2022

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Coronavirus Disease (CVD)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Provider Enrollment COVID-19 Flexibilities

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

Iowa Medicaid will begin unwinding some of the flexibilities afforded by the federal public health emergency (PHE) related to provider enrollment. These flexibilities include the suspension of site visits for newly enrolled providers and enrollment revalidation requirements. The department will begin working through a backlog of site visits for providers that enrolled with Iowa Medicaid during the PHE. All moderate or high-risk provider types are subject to pre- and post-enrollment site visits. Provider enrollment will verify that the information submitted by the provider is accurate and will determine compliance with federal and state enrollment requirements. The department is not required to conduct site visits for those providers who have already been screened as a moderate-risk provider type by Medicare or another state's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) within the past twelve months.

The department will begin requiring providers to revalidate their enrollment in phases by provider type. The first phase will focus on home- and community-based services (HCBS) waiver providers and behavioral health providers. Iowa Medicaid will issue informational letters by provider type when revalidation is open. Revalidation is required every five years; therefore, providers enrolled during the PHE will not be subject to revalidation. Providers who chose to complete revalidation during the PHE will not be required to complete the process again.

If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.