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IHCP announces new OPR specialty for school psychologists

As reminded in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin [BT202486](#)*, school psychologists employed by a school corporation are allowed to refer a Medicaid-covered student to specific school-based services. Effective immediately, school psychologists will be allowed to enroll under the Ordering, Prescribing, Referring (OPR) provider classification (provider type 50).

The following enrollment guidelines apply to school psychologists enrolling as an OPR provider:

- Provider specialty – O86 (School Psychologist)
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) – Required (must have a Type 1 NPI [Individual])
- Application fee – Not applicable
- Risk level – Limited



Enrollment under the OPR classification allows a provider to order, prescribe or refer services and supplies for IHCP members, but not to bill the IHCP for services rendered. School psychologists that are already enrolled in the IHCP under another classification may provide referrals under their existing enrollment; they do not need to also enroll as an OPR provider.

As a reminder, enrolling as an OPR provider is appropriate for providers that:

- May occasionally see an individual who is an IHCP member who needs additional services or supplies that will be covered by the Medicaid program
- Do not want to be enrolled as another IHCP provider type
- Do not plan to submit claims to the IHCP for payment of services rendered

Providers are encouraged to enroll using the [IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal](#) (IHCP Portal), accessible from the homepage at in.gov/medicaid/providers. The IHCP Portal guides users through the process, and supporting documentation can be attached and submitted online. Providers that would like to enroll using paper must complete the [IHCP Ordering, Prescribing or Referring Provider Enrollment and Profile Maintenance Packet](#). Detailed instructions are included in the packet.

Clarification on psychological testing services

The IHCP clarifies that school psychologist testing services will be reimbursed when provided by a licensed independent practice school psychologist or licensed school psychologist as licensed under *Indiana Administration Code 511 IAC 15-6-33*, who is employed or contracted with an IHCP-enrolled school corporation. The testing must be medically necessary and required to determine the health-related services a public school corporation shall provide per a Medicaid-enrolled student's educational program or plan when provided within their scope of practice under *Indiana Code IC 20-28-1-11* as required by the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* or Section 504 of the federal *Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794)*.

More information is available from the [Ordering, Prescribing or Referring Providers](#) webpage and the [Provider Enrollment](#) provider reference module at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

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