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**TO:** Physicians, Physician Assistants (PA)  
**FROM:** Claudia Schlosberg, J.D.   
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**SUBJECT:** Enrollment of Physician Assistants (PA)

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The purpose of this transmittal is to announce that under the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance (State Plan), Physician Assistants (PA) may now enroll in the Medicaid program and be listed as the rendering provider of service on claims submitted to the DC Medicaid program. Please note that this change does not expand the scope of practice for PAs as defined under DCMR 17-4911. A PA may only perform health care tasks consistent with sound medical practice when delegated (in writing) by their supervising physician(s), the service is within the physician assistant's skills, forms a component of the physician's scope of practice, and the PA is provided supervision. For Medicaid claims, this means that the PA must have a written delegation agreement with a physician or physicians' group that is enrolled with the DC Medicaid program. Services provided by a PA must be billed to DC Medicaid with the PA as the rendering provider and the affiliated physician or physicians' group as the billing provider.

For PAs to enroll they must go online at [www.dcpdms.com](http://www.dcpdms.com) to submit an enrollment application. The PA must create an account and begin the enrollment process by selecting the appropriate application type: Physician Assistant. To enroll PAs **must** have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the appropriate licensure issued by the DC Department of Health/Health Regulations and Licensing Administration (DOH/HRLA).

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Mike Brown, Manager, Division of Public and Private Provider Services via e-mail at [mikel.brown@dc.gov](mailto:mikel.brown@dc.gov) or telephone at 202-698-2044.

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