

5. any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.

(ii) "Carrier" includes an entity that arranges a provider panel for a carrier.

(4) "Enrollee" means a person entitled to health care benefits from a carrier.

(6) "Provider" means a health care practitioner or group of health care practitioners licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services.

~~(O) A CARRIER MAY NOT REQUIRE A PROVIDER THAT DELIVERS HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH A GROUP PRACTICE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITY TO ACCEPT THE REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE APPLICABLE UNDER THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GROUP PRACTICE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITY AND THE CARRIER FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES THE PROVIDER DELIVERS;~~

~~(1) TO ENROLLEES OF THE CARRIER THROUGH A SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENT; AND~~

~~(2) USING A DIFFERENT FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER THAN THAT USED BY THE GROUP PRACTICE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITY.~~

(O) (1) A CARRIER MAY NOT REQUIRE A PROVIDER THAT PROVIDES HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH A GROUP PRACTICE OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY THAT PARTICIPATES ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE CARRIER TO BE CONSIDERED A PARTICIPATING PROVIDER OR ACCEPT THE REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE APPLICABLE UNDER THE CONTRACT WHEN:

(I) PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ENROLLEES OF THE CARRIER THROUGH AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP PRACTICE OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE CARRIER; AND

(II) BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE CARRIER USING A DIFFERENT FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER THAN THAT USED BY THE GROUP PRACTICE OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE CARRIER.