

~~(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; OR 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.

(2) A NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDER SHALL NOTIFY AN ENROLLEE:

(I) THAT THE PROVIDER DOES NOT PARTICIPATE ON THE PROVIDER PANEL OF THE ENROLLEE'S CARRIER; AND

(II) OF THE ANTICIPATED TOTAL CHARGES FOR THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

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