

PROVIDER ALERT

Board Eligibility Policy for Physician Specialties February 22, 2023

Target Audience: Physicians Practicing Independently or Rendering Behavioral Health Services Under a Facility or Group

The purpose of this alert is to clarify the provider enrollment requirements for physicians to have a specialty added to their Medicaid enrollment. Whether you are an independent practitioner or rendering services under a hospital, facility, or group practice for which the rendering provider NPI is required, your provider file must have the appropriate specialization included.

Providers must select their specialty on their provider application in ePrep. Providers that are board certified must upload their board certification to their application. Providers who are board eligible do not need to upload any documentation, but must be within the board eligible period indicated in the American Board of Medical Specialties' (ABMS) Board Eligibility Policy for Specialty Certification:

<https://www.abms.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/abms-member-board-eligibility-periods-and-transition-dates-202107.pdf>.

Providers are responsible for obtaining their board certification within the board eligibility periods and should submit a supplemental application in ePrep with a copy of their board certification upon receipt. Providers who do not become board certified by the end of the eligibility period will have the specialization removed from their provider file.

For questions related to this alert, please contact mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

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