Nevada Medicaid is implementing new enrollment requirements for Behavioral Health providers in an effort to facilitate the prior authorization, billing and claim adjudication processes for these providers. The new enrollment requirements will affect providers who enroll beginning Sept. 1, 2010, as provider types 14 (Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment) or 82 (Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Treatment).

All group and individual service providers, i.e., Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP), Qualified Mental Health Associates (QMHA) and Qualified Behavioral Aides (QBA), must complete the Provider Enrollment Packet, which contains the Application and Contract, and submit the appropriate documents as listed on the Enrollment Checklist for each specialty.

The new conditions of enrollment effective Sept. 1, 2010, include:

- Behavioral Health providers will be required to enroll with a National Provider Identifier (NPI). Atypical Provider Identifiers (APIs) will no longer be assigned to these providers. NPIs must be used in the prior authorization and billing processes. NPIs are obtained through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) online (at https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov click on “National Provider Identifier (NPI)” and follow the instructions) or call (800) 465-3203.

- Individual providers (servicing/rendering providers) will be required to enroll independently with the appropriate specialty (QMHP, QMHA, QBA) and must be linked to a group/billing NPI. A potential taxonomy code for individual QMHA and QBA providers to use when applying for their NPI is 225400000X for rehabilitation practitioner (practitioner who trains or retrains individuals disabled by disease or injury to help them attain their maximum functional capacity).

- Groups/businesses must enroll under a single group/billing NPI with a “000” specialty and have individual servicing providers linked to them. Direct servicing providers must be linked to the group’s NPI. Potential taxonomy codes for groups are: 193200000X for multi specialty (a business group of one or more providers who practice with different areas of specialization) and 193400000X for single specialty (a business group of one or more providers, all of whom practice with the same area of specialization).

Behavioral Health providers who are currently enrolled (enrolled before Sept. 1, 2010) will be required to re-enroll under the new guidelines beginning Jan. 1, 2011, but may begin the re-enrollment process any time after Oct. 1, 2010. Please monitor this website for additional details regarding the re-enrollment process, billing and prior authorization instructions, and useful Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).