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Subject: "Incident to" Billing for Mid-Level Providers

This bulletin informs LME-MCOs that **effective November 1, 2016 services delivered by mid-level providers can no longer be billed "incident to."** This change was published in the September 2016 Medicaid Bulletin.

Excerpt from page 16 of the [September 2016 Medicaid Bulletin](#):

Mid-level providers are Physician Assistants (PAs), Nurse Practitioners (NPs), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM). These mid-level providers must enroll with N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice (NCHC). All services provided must be filed to NCTracks using their National Provider Identifier (NPI) as the rendering (or attending) provider.

Providers with questions about the NCTracks online enrollment application can contact the CSRA Call Center at 1-800-688-6696 (phone); 919-851-4014 (fax) or NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com (email).

"Incident to" billing is not allowed for DMHDDSAS' funded services. For all outpatient services, the LME/MCO must submit the rendering (or attending) provider NPI. This does not reflect a change in policy for DMHDDSAS services.

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