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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of changes to billing requirements.

**Effective July 1, 2015**, all Institutional (UB-04/837-I) claims for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) services must include the name and National Provider Identification (NPI) of the beneficiary’s attending psychiatrist and billing provider for reimbursement.

If the attending psychiatrist’s NPI is not entered on the claim, the claim will deny with Explanation of Benefit (EOB) Code **03101**, “THE TAXONOMY CODE FOR THE ATTENDING PROVIDER IS MISSING OR INVALID.”

The attending physician must:

- Be the psychiatrist who has overall responsibility for the beneficiary’s medical care and treatment
- Be actively enrolled in the N.C. Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice (NCHC) programs

Clinical Coverage Policies are posted on the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/mp/](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/mp/).

Through this action, N.C. Medicaid and NCHC billing practices for PRTFs will be brought into compliance with federal requirements from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have questions, please contact Catharine Goldsmith at [Catharine.goldsmith@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Catharine.goldsmith@dhhs.nc.gov) or (919) 855-4295.

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