

Medicaid Fee-For-Service Guidelines Available

For all you who were waiting eagerly to begin to provide service to Medicaid and/or Medicare/Medicaid patients, that time has arrived. LCSWs are now capable of providing service to Straight (NY State) Medicaid as well as commercial (managed care) Medicaid. The guidelines for application to become a Billing Provider, as well as the requirements, are available on the NYSSCSW website at both the Legislative Committee

area: <https://nysscsw.memberclicks.net/assets/NEW%20YORK%20STATE%20%20Medicaid%20fee%20for%20service%20program.pdf> and the Practice Management Committee

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The information, as well as the link, is the same in either place.

If you are already registered with eMedNY as an Order-Prescribe-Refer-Attend (OPRA), i.e., Non-Billing Medicaid provider it appears that the application process to switch to a Billing Provider is a simple matter of two forms: one to apply to switch from Non-Billing to Billing (one page) and another to tell them how you want your Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) sent to your bank **or** if your practice is limited to a group setting (two different forms – you get to decide which you need.) There may be other forms required, depending on your specific circumstances. I'm still waiting to hear if they need any additional information or if my application is approved. Processing time is unclear to us at this moment.

Based on what we've seen in the fee schedule listed the fees are similar to commercial carriers. The fee schedule is available through a link listed in the document.

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