

Dear Hospice Provider,

Your provider type requires an actively enrolled individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) for the Attending Provider field of the UB-04 Institutional claim form. The Attending Provider field on the UB-04 claim form is 76.

Providers are reminded to include attending providers on claims and to ensure the attending provider is currently enrolled with Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program). All attending providers indicated on a claim **must be actively enrolled as an individual with Health First Colorado** (42 CFR § 455.410(b)).

Claims with services requiring attending providers will post Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 1390 – "The attending physician number is missing or invalid. Enter or verify the attending physician's 10-digit NPI number." if the attending NPI is not entered or if the attending NPI is not enrolled with Health First Colorado.

This EOB is an informational message at present, but it will cause claims to deny in the future if claims are not compliant. Providers are encouraged to review claims to ensure they are compliant to avoid any payment delays.

Refer to the Hospice Billing Manual for more information.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing