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## Billing for Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services provided by Pharmacists

On June 18, 2018, the Department of Human Services (DHS) issued [Medical Assistance \(MA\) Bulletin number 99-18-10](#) titled “Enrollment of Tobacco Cessation Providers” on June 18, 2018. The bulletin clarifies the Department’s position that any individual or entity approved by the Department of Health as a Tobacco Cessation Program (TCP) may enroll in the MA program to render Tobacco Cessation Counseling (TCC) services to MA beneficiaries.

Pharmacists approved by the Department of Health as TCP may enroll in the MA Program as a provider type (PT) 37 with a provider specialty of 370, to render TCC services.

Pharmacies, employing pharmacist providing TCC, have been unable to bill for services provided by their employees. Under the MA Program’s fee-for-services, because pharmacists have been unable to fee-assign their payments to the employing pharmacy.

Beginning with dates of service on and after 05/01/2019, a pharmacist enrolled as a TCP provider may fee-assign their payments to their employer, an MA enrolled pharmacy (PT 24).

When enrolling in MA, a pharmacist applying to become a TCP provider may request their fees be assigned to their employing MA enrolled pharmacy by:

- In the paper enrollment application, the enrolled pharmacy’s 13-digit MA identification number, also known as the PROMISe™ ID, should be provided when asked if the provider wishes to be added to an existing group.
- In an electronic provider enrollment application, the pharmacist may provide the pharmacy’s 13-digit PROMISe™ ID to be fee assigned to an existing group.

If a pharmacist has already enrolled in the MA program as a TCP provider and wants to be fee-assign to the pharmacy they are employed by, the pharmacist may:

Log in to ePEAP at:

<https://promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/Default.aspx?alias=promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/provider>

- From the ePEAP menu, click on enrollment information, and then on the Fee Assignment Information. ePEAP will then give the provider the option to add a group and provide the 13-digit pharmacy or manage fee assignments. The 13-digit pharmacy PROMISe™ ID to complete the fee assignment.

Complete and submit the following request for assignment of fees form:

[http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/p\\_023558.pdf](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/p_023558.pdf)



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