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Availability of the Provider Directory on the Department of Human Services Website

On July 17, 2018, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services released State Medicaid Director letter #18-007. The letter was issued to provide states guidance on compliance with Section 5006 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act), entitled "Requiring Publication of Fee-for-Service Provider Directory". Section 5006 of the Cures Act amends § 1902(a) of the Social Security Act by adding a new subparagraph (a)(83), which requires each state that provides medical assistance under a state plan or waiver on a fee-for-service basis or through a primary care case-management system to publish a directory of physicians on the public website of the state agency administering the plan.

Effective immediately the Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted a link to the Provider Directory to the DHS website for fee-for-service beneficiaries who are seeking a physician within their geographical area. The directory is searchable by county, physician's name and specialty description. It contains the physician's office information such as street, address, city, state, and phone number. This information is required by the Cures Act to improve beneficiary access to care. The information in the provider directory is updated daily.

To view the directory go to:

<https://provider.directory.dpw.state.pa.us/ProviderSearch.aspx>

Thank you for your service to our MA recipients.
We value your participation.
Check the Department's website often at: www.dhs.pa.gov.

