



**Louisiana Department of Health**  
**Health Plan Advisory 13-11**  
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**Individually Enrolled Physical Therapists – Provider Type 35**

Legacy Medicaid (Fee-for-Service) in Louisiana does **not** cover services provided by individually enrolled physical therapists **unless one of the following is true**:

- **The patient is enrolled in Early Steps.** Early Steps is a program for children aged 0-3 who have, or are likely to have, developmental disabilities. In this case, the provider should be enrolled and billing for services as an Early Steps provider (Provider Type 29) and **NOT** under the standard enrollment code for Individual Physical Therapists (Provider Type 35). Early Steps services are **carved out of Managed Care** and, while these services should always be coordinated by the member's Health Plan, all such claims should be processed through the Medicaid Fiscal Intermediary, Molina. Authorization for Early Steps services is provided by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities.
- **The patient is covered by both Medicare and Medicaid.** These patients are dually eligible and therefore **excluded** from Managed Care.
- **The patient is enrolled in a waiver program.** Waiver recipients are **excluded** from Managed Care plans.

Because the above populations are carved out of Managed Care, **Shared Savings plans SHOULD NOT prior authorize any services for provider type 35.**

Physical therapy services are provided to legacy Medicaid recipients and members of Shared Savings Managed Care Plans by rehabilitation centers (Provider Type 65), hospitals (Provider Type 60) or home health agencies (Provider Type 44). Therefore, physical therapy services will continue to be reimbursable to these provider types under existing rules. For information on legacy prior authorization requirements, please refer to fee schedules posted at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

**Prepaid Managed Care Plans** (Amerigroup, LaCare, and Louisiana Healthcare Connections) may continue to contract with Individual Physical Therapists as part of their networks.