


Letter of Direction #50

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To: Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations 

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Subject: Naturopathic Doctors: Participation in the New Mexico Medicaid Program

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The purpose of this Letter of Direction is to inform the Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations of a new group of providers who are now eligible to enroll in the New Mexico (NM) Medicaid program.

Senate Bill 135 – Naturopathic Doctors’ Practice Act passed in 2019 allowing Naturopathic Doctors (ND’s) to practice naturopathic medicine as licensed primary care providers in the State of NM. The NM Medical Board begin to issue licenses in May 2020.

NDs will be enrolled in the Medicaid program as a provider type 302 – Physician DO/ND with a specialty 200 – Naturopathic Doctors. NDs will be eligible to provide covered services, within their scope of practice, to eligible Medicaid recipients. Reimbursement will be made at the physician fee schedule. The scope of practice for these providers can be found at the following link:

https://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/docs/license_apps/naturopathic_doctors/Naturopathic%20Doctor%20Rules.pdf

This Letter of Direction will sunset upon inclusion in the New Mexico Administrative Code and the Managed Care Policy Manual or Medicaid Managed Care Services Agreement.