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**Attention:
Graduate Dental and Medical Education Programs and
Area Health Education Centers**

**Federal Regulation 42 CFR 455.410
Attending, Rendering, Ordering, Prescribing or
Referring Providers - Graduate Medical and Dental
Program and AHECs**

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Effective November 1, 2016, all attending, rendering, ordering, referring or prescribing (OPR) providers will be required to be enrolled with NC Medicaid and/or NC Health Choice (NCHC). **Residents and interns enrolled in Graduate Dental and Medical Programs and Area Health Education Centers will be exempt from the provider enrollment requirement. DMA will meet with representatives from the Graduate Medical and Dental Education programs, AHEC leadership and various other stakeholders to determine the policy for Residents and Interns.**

The exemption from the provider enrollment requirement does not include an exemption from the DEA registration requirement for controlled substances. The DEA (http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/pract/appendices/app_b.htm) does allow an individual practitioner who is an agent or employee of a hospital or other institution, when acting in the normal course of business or employment to administer, dispense, or prescribe controlled substances under the registration of the hospital or other institution which is registered provided that additional requirements as set forth in CFR 21 (<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/cfr/index.html>) are met. However, DMA is aware that many pharmacy software systems do not allow the use of the hospital or institutional DEA number. In this situation, the prescription for a controlled substance would need to be on the order of and signed by the attending or supervising physician or dentist.

DMA will continue to accept and add the names and NPI numbers for all residents and interns in Graduate Dental and Medical Programs and Area Health Education Centers to the NPI Exemption List in NCTracks. Please submit this information to Desiree Elekwa-Izuakor, Outpatient Pharmacy Manager, at desiree.elekwa-izuakor@dhhs.nc.gov.

The Frequently Asked Questions posted on the NCTracks Provider Portal will be updated within the next five (5) business days. Providers with questions about the NCTracks [online enrollment application](#) can contact the CSRA (formerly CSC) Call Center at 1-800-688-6696 (phone); 1-855-710-1965 (fax) or NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com (email).

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