OVERVIEW
This administrative policy documents the long-standing requirement for identifying the ordering provider on claims for services.

MEDICAL CRITERIA
Not applicable

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
Not applicable

POLICY STATEMENT
BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products
BCBSRI requires providers to report the name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the ordering provider for all diagnostic laboratory, imaging, durable medical equipment, and home infusion claims on the CMS-1500 form or the electronic submission. The ordering provider’s name should be reported in box 17, and the Type 1 NPI should be reported in box 17b.

When the ordering provider is also the performing provider as is often the case with in office clinical labs, such as urine dipstick, the performing provider should enter his or her name and NPI in boxes 17 and 17b respectively.

When a service is incident to the service of a physician or non-physician practitioner, the name of the physician or non-physician practitioner who performs the initial service and orders the non-physician service must appear in box 17.

Claims with missing or incomplete information will be rejected and returned to the provider if box 17 and 17b of the CMS-1500 form or the electronic submission does not contain this information.

COVERAGE
Not applicable

BACKGROUND
Please see the BCBSRI CMS-1500 (02/12) Form Completion Informational Guide under Claims and Billing for more information:
https://www.bcbsri.com/providers/forms

CODING
Not applicable

RELATED POLICIES
None

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REFERENCES:
1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services MLN Matters Number SE1305
4. Medicare Ordering and Referring data files available at: https://data.cms.gov/Medicare/Order-and-Referring/qcn7-gc3g

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