ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT
GEORGIA MEDICAID

Policy Name		Policy Number	Date Effective
Pass-through Billing		AD-0809	09/01/2020-02/28/2023
Policy Type			
Medical	**ADMINISTRATIVE**	Pharmacy	Reimbursement

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A. Subject

Pass-through Billing

B. Background

C. Definitions

- **Pass-through billing** – Pass-through billing occurs when the ordering physician, professional provider, facility or ancillary provider requests and bills for a service, but the service is not performed by the ordering physician, professional provider, facility or ancillary provider. You may only bill for services that you or your staff perform.

D. Policy

I. CareSource does not permit pass-through billing.
   A. CareSource will only reimburse providers for services performed by the provider or by the staff that are under the direct supervision of the provider who bills for the services.
   B. Providers must bill CareSource only for those services which they or their direct employees perform. Providers will not bill, charge, seek payment for or submit any claims to CareSource, nor will they have any recourse against CareSource or any of its members for amounts related to the provision of pass-through billing.

E. Conditions of Coverage

F. Related Policies/Rules

G. Review/Revision History

DATES		ACTION
Date Issued	04/29/2020	
Date Revised		
Date Effective	09/01/2020	New Policy
Date Archived	02/28/2023	This Policy is no longer active and has been archived. Please note that there could be other Policies that may have some of the same rules incorporated and CareSource reserves the right to follow CMS/State/NCCI guidelines without a formal documented Policy.

H. References

The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.

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