

## How to Create an "Optional" PPA

The system requires a PPA for each provider in each service element, for each new contract period (biennium). *(For example: If provider "A" provides DD50, DD51, and DD54 services, then provider "A" would need have 3 "optional PPAs"; one for each service element.)* If you choose to "opt out," of using the PPA function to manage a provider's service authorization funding limits, then you only need to create the "optional PPA" once a contract term (biennium). You won't have to create PPAs again until the next contract term.

### To create an "optional" PPA:

1. From the **yellow** left-hand navigation menu, click **Prior Authorization** → **Provider Prior Auth** → **Create PPA**.
2. Once in the new window, enter the 5-digit provider number for the provider you want to create the PPA for. If you don't know the number, click the **BINOCULARS** next to the entry box and you can search to find it.
3. Then enter the 6-digit contract number that has been assigned to you for the current contract period (biennium). This will be a different number every contract period (biennium).
4. With both boxes completed, click **NEXT**. This will take you to the next window.
5. From this window, verify that you have the correct Provider & Contractor. If correct, click **ADD**. This will take you to the create PPA screen.
6. From this screen, you will have to enter/verify the following:
  - a. In the top section, click on the box next to **PPA Optional** at the top right of the page. This should add a check mark to the box, indicating you've chosen an "optional" PPA.

- b. In the **Service Element**, select the appropriate service element number for the service for this provider from the drop down menu. Remember, if the provider more than one service type (for example: residential and employment), you'll need to do a PPA for the provider in each service.
  - c. The **Proc Code** window should already read **ALL**.
  - d. Select **ALL** from the **Modifier Code** drop down menu.
  - e. Enter the **Effective Date** of **7/1/2xxx** (the first day of the contract period/biennium)
  - f. Enter the **End Date** of **6/30/2xxx** (the last day of the contract period/biennium)
  - g. The **rate** and the **units** boxes can remain blank.
  - h. The Date **Increment** box remains at **Month-Prorate**.
  - i. The **Amount** box should already be **\$0**. This should have auto-filled in when you checked the **PPA Optional** box. If not, enter "0" in the **Amount** window.
  - j. The **Ongoing** window can be either **Y** or **N** from the drop down menu.
  - k. Enter any notes that you want in the **PPA Notes** field.
7. Click **SAVE**. This saves the PPA as a **draft**.
8. Repeat steps #1-7 for each provider you contract with in each service element they provide services for.
9. Once you have accepted your SEPA from DHS, go back into eXPRS, find your **draft** PPAs, open each and click **SUBMIT**. This will put your PPAs in to **pending acceptance** status, until the provider accepts it.
10. The providers will need to sign into eXPRS and accept the PPAs you have just sent them.
11. Once the PPAs are in **accepted** status, you can begin creating/submitting CPAs for individuals to be served by that provider.

