

Important National Provider Identifier (NPI) Notice

Effective March 1, 2008, the Maryland Medicaid Program will require the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on all electronic claims. This means that all NPI-eligible health care providers who use 837 submissions for fee-for-service claims must include an NPI in the primary fields on the claim (i.e., the billing, pay-to and rendering fields) and the Medicaid legacy number in the secondary field. Failure to submit an NPI in the primary fields and the Medicaid legacy number in the secondary fields will result in your claim being rejected.

The Maryland Medicaid Program is currently in the process of validating our links between the NPI and the Medicaid legacy numbers. In order for the Medicaid program to meet the federal regulations for compliance with the May 23, 2008 deadline, it is necessary for us to have a period of time to test these links. For this reason, we must require both the NPI and the Medicaid legacy number on all electronic claims submitted beginning March 1, 2008.

To support a successful transition to the NPI, for a limited time the Maryland Medicaid Program is providing claim specific explanations of benefits (EOB) information regarding system edits of Medicaid provider and NPI numbers submitted in 837 EDI-format transactions. Providers may find such EOBs on posted remittance advice documents during the dual use period. Please carefully review the NPI-related EOB that posts on your claims during this time and take actions as indicated. Remittance advice documents are available at the following site:

<https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/emedicaid/>

If you have not obtained your NPI, information is attached that will describe the process. **Do not delay; your payments will be affected beginning March 1, 2008 if you do not have an NPI.** If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Patti McQuade, Health Policy Analyst at 410-767-5204.

Attachments