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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update

NPI: Get It. Share It. Use It.

Four months remain until the May 23, 2007 NPI compliance date. Have you received your NPI from the National Provider Identifier Enumerator (NPIE)? If so, are you ready to use your NPI?

The following steps will assist you with the implementation of NPI:

1) Obtain an NPI

Getting an NPI is easy and free. Act now and get your NPI. Health care providers can apply for NPIs in one of two ways:

- ◆ For the most efficient application processing and the fastest receipt of NPIs, use the National Provider Identifier Enumerator's web-based application process. Simply complete an on-line application by visiting the NPIE Web Site at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>.
- ◆ Health care providers may obtain a copy of the paper NPI Application/Update Form (CMS-10114) by contacting the NPIE at the following:

Phone: (800) 465-3203 or TTY (800) 692-2326

Email: customerservice@npienumerator.com

Mail:

NPI Enumerator

P.O. Box 6059

Fargo, ND 58108-6059

Mail the completed, signed application to the NPIE located in Fargo, ND, whereby staff at the NPI Enumerator will enter the application data into the National Plan and Provider Enumerator System. Upon receipt of your NPI, you will need to register your NPI(s) with Denti-Cal.

For help or questions, you may contact the National Provider Identifier Enumerator Customer Service at customerservice@npienumerator.com or by phone (800) 465-3203.

Additional information on NPI is available at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>.

Providers are encouraged to apply for a separate NPI for their corporation/organizational provider number (i.e., Billing provider number) and a separate NPI for their individual provider number (i.e., Rendering provider number).

2) Register your NPI(s)

Denti-Cal providers must register the NPI(s) with Denti-Cal using the NPI Registration Form (DHS 6218). The NPI Registration Form may be accessed on the Denti-Cal Web Site at <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>. To request that an application be mailed, call Denti-Cal's Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.

A separate NPI registration form is required for each existing Denti-Cal provider number.

3) Update Software

In conjunction with the deadline to accept NPI, providers who submit claims electronically will need to use the HIPAA-compliant 4010A1 claim format by May 23, 2007. For more information on conversion to the 4010A1 format, please call your software vendor, clearinghouse, or Denti-Cal at (916) 853-7373 and ask for EDI Support.

4) Educate

It is important that staff using the NPI in day-to-day work, such as verification of eligibility, claims processing, or other tasks, be aware of the NPI and the provider identifiers that it replaces.

5) Ask Questions

Additional information is available in Denti-Cal Bulletin Volume 23, Number 1 (enclosed), or by phoning Denti-Cal's Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.

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Current Dental Terminology (CDT)

CDT continues to be delayed pending the final approval of Manual of Criteria (MOC) regulations via the State legislative process.

CDT codes will not be accepted by Denti-Cal at this time. Any claim service line (CSL) submitted with a CDT procedure code, an invalid procedure code, or a blank procedure code field will be denied.