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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: National Provider Identifier

EFFECTIVE: For claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007

PURPOSE: To notify all NJ FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid providers who are covered entities eligible to receive a National Provider Identifier (NPI) that they must report a valid NPI on all health care claims submitted for payment consideration on or after May 23, 2007.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with 45 C.F.R., Subchapter C, Part 162, Subpart D, sec. 162.402 et seq., published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2004, covered entities are required to obtain an NPI by no later than May 23, 2007. Covered entities include health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers.

Currently, certain NJFC/Medicaid providers are considered non-covered entities under HIPAA and are not eligible to obtain an NPI number. Providers of transportation services would be considered a non-covered entity under HIPAA.

ACTION:

1. The NPI must be reported to identify all providers eligible to receive an NPI on claims submitted by covered entities when transmitting a health care claim for payment, whether as a standard electronic HIPAA transaction or as a paper claim, on or after May 23, 2007.

Effective for claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007, the NPI shall replace the provider number previously used to bill Medicare, NJFC/Medicaid, and other health care payers on claims processed on behalf of covered entities.

Covered entities, including health care providers, may apply for an NPI by:

- Using the web-based application at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or
 - Sending a paper application to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') NPI Enumerator, Fox Systems. A copy of the application can be downloaded at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. Health care providers may also contact the Enumerator at 1-800-465-3203 or TTY 1-800-692-2326.
2. **Effective for claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007**, the NJFC/Medicaid program will not process any health care claim submitted by a covered entity that does not identify the provider by the use of a valid NPI. Providers eligible to receive an NPI are responsible for notifying software vendors and/or billing agents regarding their assigned NPI. **Failure to report a valid NPI for any provider eligible to receive an NPI will result in claims being denied payment on or after May 23, 2007.**
 3. All NJFC/Medicaid providers who are covered entities/covered health care providers **are required to** notify the NJFC/Medicaid program of their NPI, once they have received the NPI from the NPI Enumerator. **Providers transmitting health care claims using the electronic HIPAA 837 transaction can immediately begin reporting their NPI, along with their NJFC/Medicaid Provider Number, on claims.** When reported electronically, the NPI will be captured and maintained by Unisys as part of the provider record.
 4. On or about February 1, 2007, the website <http://www.njmmis.com> will be available for providers to report their NPI information to the State of New Jersey.

If providers have any questions regarding whether they are a covered entity/health care provider, they should access <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/hipaa2decisionsupport/> for information.

If providers have any additional questions, they may contact Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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