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TO: All Providers- **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **National Provider Identifier (NPI) Contingency Plan**

EFFECTIVE: Claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to announce the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) National Provider Identifier (NPI) Contingency Plan for covered entities that participate in the NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid program as approved providers.

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established a May 23, 2007 deadline for implementing NPI provisions. On April 2, 2007, CMS extended the deadline to May 23, 2008. Covered entities making a good faith effort to comply with the NPI provisions may, for up to 12 months, implement a Contingency Plan in order to maintain operations and cash flows.

It is the State's intention to continue aggressive outreach efforts to capture NPI information.

ACTION: DMAHS NPI Contingency Plan

All NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid providers who are covered entities **are required** to notify the NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid program of their NPI, once they have received the NPI from the NPI Enumerator. **Providers transmitting healthcare/pharmacy claims using the electronic HIPAA 837 transaction can immediately begin reporting their NPI on claims, along with their NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid Provider Number.**

The State will continue to process payments for claims submitted by covered entities that report their NJFC/Medicaid provider number. The State will notify providers when it will accept **only** the NPI on healthcare and pharmacy claims.

It is the intention of the State of New Jersey to establish a Statewide Deadline for requiring compliance with all NPI provisions. The State expects to establish the Statewide Deadline **prior to** May 23, 2008. DMAHS, in cooperation with other State agencies, will notify providers regarding the Statewide Deadline for compliance with NPI provisions.

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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