



Newsletter

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

SUBJECT: **National Provider Identifier (NPI) Reporting Requirements for Pharmacy Claims**

EFFECTIVE: Claims Received by Unisys on or after May 23, 2008

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to notify NJ FamilyCare/ (NJFC)/Medicaid, PAAD and Senior Gold Pharmacy providers of the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) and New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) NPI reporting requirements for pharmacy claims

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established a May 23, 2007 deadline for implementing NPI provisions. On April 2, 2007, CMS authorized covered entities to establish a transition plan that allowed the covered entity until May 23, 2008 to be fully compliant with NPI requirements. DMAHS and DHSS in turn established a contingency plan for New Jersey Medicaid providers that will remain in place until May 23, 2008. With the expiration of the DMAHS and DHSS contingency plan, pharmacy providers must comply with all NPI reporting requirements.

REPORTING OF THE PHARMACY PROVIDER IDENTIFIER ON ELECTRONIC PHARMACY CLAIMS

Pharmacy claims received by Unisys in either the NCPDP Version 5.1 Telecommunications Standard or NCPDP Version 1.1 Batch Standard on or after May 23, 2008 must identify the pharmacy provider by their National Provider Identifier (NPI) in order to be considered for payment. When submitting a pharmacy claim electronically using either of the two NCPDP standards identified above:

- The Service Provider ID Qualifier in the Transaction Header Segment must contain a value of 01 indicating that the Service Provider ID being reported is the NPI
- The Service Provider ID in the Transaction Header segment must contain the NPI of the pharmacy

If there are any errors detected in the coding of either the Service Provider ID Qualifier or the Service Provider ID, then the claim will be rejected. If a rejection is encountered, please confirm that:

- The Service Provider ID Qualifier is coded with a value of 01
- The Service Provider ID reported is numeric and greater than zeros

- The Service Provider ID contains the valid ten digit NPI assigned to the pharmacy.

If these fields have been correctly reported and the claim has been rejected due to an error with the pharmacy NPI, then the problem may be that the NPI was never registered with Unisys Provider Enrollment. If you have failed to register your NPI with Unisys Provider Enrollment, you can either contact the unit by phone at 609-588-6074 or in writing at:

Unisys Provider Enrollment
PO Box 4804
Trenton, NJ 08650-4804

REPORTING OF THE PRESCRIBING PROVIDER IDENTIFIER ON ELECTRONIC PHARMACY CLAIMS

Pharmacy claims received by Unisys in either the NCPDP Version 5.1 Telecommunications Standard or NCPDP Version 1.1 Batch Standard on or after May 23, 2008 must identify the prescribing provider by either their NPI or their New Jersey State License Number in order to be considered for payment. When submitting a pharmacy claim electronically using either of the two NCPDP standards identified above, please follow the appropriate procedure:

- If the prescribing provider is being identified with their NPI, then
 - The Prescriber ID Qualifier in the Prescriber Segment must contain a value of 01 indicating that the Prescriber ID being reported is the NPI
 - The Prescriber ID in the Prescriber Segment must contain the NPI of the prescribing provider
- If the prescribing provider is being identified with their New Jersey State License Number, then
 - The Prescriber ID Qualifier in the Prescriber Segment must contain a value of 08 indicating that the Prescriber ID being reported is the prescriber's State License Number
 - The Prescriber ID in the Prescriber Segment must contain the State License Number of the prescribing provider

Please be advised that if the Prescriber ID Qualifier reported on the transaction is other than 01 (NPI) or 08 (State License Number), the claim will not be paid even if the appropriate NPI or State License Number has been reported in the Prescriber ID field.

Pharmacies are to continue to report NJFC/Medicaid Provider Numbers on all paper pharmacy claims for the NJFC/Medicaid, PAAD, Senior Gold, ADDP, Cystic Fibrosis and General Assistance Programs.

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

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