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**TO:** Medical Suppliers and Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**  
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** **Appropriate Reporting of the National Provider Identifier (NPI)**

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after May 1, 2012

**BACKGROUND:** Section 6401(a) of the Affordable Care Act requires that New Jersey comply with Federal regulations at 42 CFR 455 subpart E, otherwise referred to as program integrity requirements. The regulations require that the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) screen the identity of all prescribers to ensure that they have not been identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as federally excluded from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The key identifier used for this purpose is the NPI assigned by the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).

On July 1, 2010, HMS Government Services assumed responsibilities for auditing pharmacy and medical supply claims. These audits have determined that some providers may have reported an inappropriate NPI for the prescribing practitioner when submitting pharmacy and medical supply claims.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to advise pharmacies and medical suppliers of a decision by DMAHS to recover FFS claim payments when an inappropriate NPI is reported. **Providers have the responsibility to report accurate prescriber NPI information on claims submitted to the State of New Jersey.**

**ACTION:** **Effective for pharmacy and medical supply claims with service dates on or after May 1, 2012**, FFS payments for claims reporting an inappropriate NPI shall be recovered.

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