



**Connecticut Department of Social Services
Medical Assistance Program
Provider Bulletin**

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TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: National Provider Identifier (NPI) to be Implemented in May 2007

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced guidance to allow contingency plans for covered entities, other than small health plans, who will not meet the May 23, 2007 deadline for compliance with HIPAA's NPI provisions. The NPI compliance date for small plans is May 23, 2008.

Please Note: The Connecticut Medical Assistance Program will meet the original May 23, 2007 NPI implementation deadline and will implement NPI beginning in May 2007 as previously communicated.

NPI and taxonomy information will be required for claims processing with the implementation of NPI as per the following schedule.

- **May 11, 2007** – All paper claims received on or after this date must contain NPI and taxonomy information.
- **May 18, 2007** – All electronic claims received on or after this date must contain NPI and taxonomy information.

Time is running out to register your NPI number with EDS to avoid possible disruptions to your claims reimbursements. As a reminder, group providers need to register the NPI for their groups as well as for the performing providers who are members of their groups. The following options are available to register your NPI with EDS:

- **Register on Paper:** Complete the NPI Submission form which can be found at www.ctmedicalprogram.com by clicking on Publications → Forms → NPI Provider Information Form. A copy of the NPI notification and/or E-mail from the NPI enumerator Fox Systems, Inc. must be attached to this form. Forms and attachments may be faxed to (860) 269-2035 or mailed to EDS Provider Enrollment Unit, P.O. Box 5007, Hartford, CT 06104.
- **Register Electronically:** Providers who have large amount of NPI data to register have the option to send the NPI and taxonomy information electronically on an EDS supplied spreadsheet. All the fields on the spreadsheet must be filled out. Call our Provider Assistance Center toll free at 1-800-842-8440 or in the local Farmington, CT area at 860-409-4500 if you are interested in this option.



Non-medical or atypical providers do not need to take any action in regards to the NPI registration or submitting their claims with NPI and taxonomy information.

Since there is no common directory of NPI numbers, be sure to register your NPI with *each* payer or healthcare service that may need it to process your claims.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at **www.ctmedicalprogram.com**.
Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center -
Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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