

# Denti-Cal Bulletin



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## HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

### *National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update*

Denti-Cal is currently assessing its present systems to comply with the HIPAA regulations for implementing the NPI. Denti-Cal providers, dental plans, and clearinghouses must begin using/accepting the NPI on all HIPAA electronic covered transactions beginning May 23, 2007.

**Providers must continue utilizing their existing Denti-Cal provider numbers until further notice.**

Providers may apply for an NPI by:

- ✓ Visiting the Web site at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>, or
- ✓ Mailing a completed paper application to the address found at the above Web site, or
- ✓ Calling (800) 465-3203 or (800) 692-2326 (TTY).

For more general information about the NPI, please visit the Web site for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand>.

### *Current Dental Terminology (CDT)*

CDT has been delayed pending the final approval of Manual of Criteria (MOC) regulations, which is a State legislative process. As a result, CDT-4 training sessions and the distribution of the MOC and Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) related to the implementation of CDT-4 codes are also postponed.

CDT codes are not accepted by Denti-Cal at this time. Any claim service line (CSL) submitted with a CDT procedure code, an invalid procedure code, or a blank procedure code field, will be denied.