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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) National Provider Identifier (NPI)

The NPI is Here. The NPI is Now. Are You Using It?

Rendering Providers *Must* Register their National Provider Identifier (NPI) Numbers with Denti-Cal

To avoid denials on claims, rendering providers *must* register their NPI numbers with Denti-Cal. There are two ways to register:

- ◆ To expedite your NPI registration, register via the Denti-Cal Web site at www.denti-cal.ca.gov and click on the National Provider Identifier (NPI) link. After you've completed the registration process, please allow 3 business days prior to submitting documents with your NPI. Remember to print the confirmation page from the Web site as a record of your registration. (Please note: Rendering providers who have not submitted a Social Security Number to Denti-Cal at the time of enrollment will not be able to register via the Denti-Cal Web site. Such providers will need to register using the Denti-Cal NPI Registration Form.)
- ◆ To obtain the paper NPI Registration Form DHS 6218 and instructions on how to register your NPI, please visit the Denti-Cal Web Site at www.denti-cal.ca.gov and click on the National Provider Identifier (NPI) link. Providers should not use their NPIs when submitting documents for authorization or payment until they have received a confirmation letter from Denti-Cal, which can take up to 15 business days. Remember to retain a copy of the letter received from Denti-Cal for your records.

Billing providers *should not* submit documents with billing or rendering NPIs until they have a confirmation.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Release Date of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)-Disclosable Data

CMS will begin releasing FOIA-disclosable health care provider data on August 1, 2007. The data will be made available in an initial file downloadable from the Internet at the CMS Web site, as follows:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp?>

Monthly update files will continue to be made available (also downloadable from the Internet), and in a query-only database whereby users can query by NPI or provider name. The query-only database is known as the NPI Registry. The NPI Registry will operate in a real-time environment. Updates, changes, and deletions will be reflected in the NPI Registry at the same time they are reflected in NPPES.

Denti-Cal providers are encouraged to review their NPPES data to ensure their information is accurate when disclosed. If any of the following information is incorrect, please immediately make any necessary changes and resubmit:

- ◆ Employer Identification Number (EIN)/Tax Identification Number (TIN) - for a group practice that is a corporation or partnership
- ◆ Social Security Number (SSN) - for sole/rendering providers
- ◆ Business Name
- ◆ Billing and Rendering Addresses

Changes to the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS)

As a result of NPI, AEVS will soon only accept the NPI number. Once changed, provider billing and/or rendering numbers can no longer be used for beneficiary verification.

Please read upcoming bulletins for additional information regarding changes to AEVS.

Upcoming Denti-Cal Seminars

In August, the following seminars are offered. If in your area, please consider attending, then phone Denti-Cal toll-free at 800/423-0507 to make a reservation.

August 2, 2007	D114/Basic Seminar, EDI and NPI Overviews	Concord
August 3, 2007	D115/Advanced Seminar	Concord
August 10, 2007	D116/Workshop and NPI Overview	Bakersfield
August 23, 2007	D117/Basic Seminar and NPI Overview	Goleta
August 24, 2007	D118/Advanced Seminar	Goleta

For questions regarding any of the above, please contact Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.