

Important Message Regarding CMS Educational Products

As of April 2, 2007, covered entities (including health plans, covered health care providers and clearinghouses) have the ability to adopt contingency plans for NPI implementation. For example, Medicare's Fee-For-Service contingency plan allows for analysis of the claims volume submitted with NPIs and may begin rejecting claims that do not include an NPI for billing, pay-to and rendering providers as early as July 1, 2007. For more details on the overall contingency guidance for the industry, as well as Medicare's Fee-For-Service contingency plan, visit the NPI Contingency Planning page on the NPI website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/08_NPI%20Contingency%20Planning.asp on the web.

Tip Sheets

- [**What the “Guidance on Compliance with the HIPAA National Provider Identifier \(NPI\) Rule” Means for Health Care Providers**](#) – interprets the recently released contingency guidance into helpful steps for providers.
- [**Guidance for Organization Health Care Providers Who Apply for National Provider Identifiers \(NPIs\) for Their Health Care Provider Employees**](#) -- contains information for organization health care providers who wish to apply for NPIs or submit updates using the NPPES web-based process, on behalf of their employed health care providers.
- [**Tips for Health Care Professionals - Preparing Your Office Staff for NPI**](#) - provides basic steps to prepare your office staff, and your business, for NPI implementation.