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National Provider Identifier

The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) is now collecting National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) and taxonomy codes in preparation for use in DHS systems by May 23, 2007.

In order to match providers to their new NPIs and current OMAP IDs, DHS is requesting your NPI and taxonomy code(s) by January 15, 2007.

If you have given us *both* your NPI and taxonomy codes already, *thank you*—you're done!

Why do I need this new number?

The Administrative Simplification provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for all health care providers to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic transmission of health information.

The 10-digit NPIs were created to replace all unique numbers that have been assigned by various payers, such as OMAP's six-digit provider number.

Where do I get an NPI?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)

to assign these unique identifiers. You may apply online by following the directions on their Web site: <<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>>.

Once you receive an NPI, notify DHS EDI Support Services using the fax form on the reverse side of this announcement or at <<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/publications.shtml>>. Include your OMAP provider number, NPI and the taxonomy code(s) you selected.

What are taxonomy code(s)?

The taxonomy code allows a single provider (individual, group, or institution) to identify their specialty category, similar to your OMAP provider type.

What taxonomy code should I use?

Use the code(s) that most accurately describe your business. Providers may choose more than one taxonomy code.

If you don't remember what code(s) you chose, contact NPPES at 1-800-465-3203.

A provider can change taxonomy code(s) with the NPPES at any time. OMAP may recommend which Taxonomy code you need to use for continuous, uninterrupted payments in our MMIS system. We will notify you of the preferred codes as they become available.

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When will OMAP use the NPI for paying claims?

OMAP will not require the use of NPIs on claim submissions until **May 23, 2007**. If you are a small health plan, you might be subject to a later deadline, May 23, 2008. Refer to the rules within the Federal Register to determine your individual status: <<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-1149.pdf>>.

Other payers' implementation dates will vary, so check with them for timelines.

Can I Use my NPI on claims now?

OMAP will accept the NPI on all claim

formats, however, **you must also use your OMAP six-digit number** because our computerized systems will only recognize OMAP numbers at this time.

What if I bill on paper?

The Department made a business decision to also require NPIs on paper claims effective May 23, 2007.

More questions?

Contact DHS EDI Support Services at 1 (800) 422-5047 (Option 2) (503) 947-5347

E-mail: <dhs.hipaatesting@state.or.us>

Register your National Provider Identifier (NPI) with OMAP

Provider name	Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	Fax	E-mail
Tax ID	OMAP ID No.	NPI (required)
Taxonomy code(s) (required)	List the first three here; use additional paper for more.	
Do you submit claims electronically? __ Yes __ No		
Would you like more information about DHS electronic claims processing? __ Yes __ No		
<i>Return your completed form to: OMAP HFO—NPI, 500 Summer Street NE, E44, Salem, OR 97301-1079 —or— Fax to (503) 947-5359</i>		