National Provider Identifier (NPI)

"Getting an NPI is free, not having one is expensive." This is the slogan that CMS and the NPI education group adopted. Here at DHS we believe this speaks volumes to our providers. To ensure a smooth transition, OMAP offers many informational tips here and on the Internet. See our NPI Web page at:

<www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/npi/main.shtml>.
Sign up to receive e-mails whenever this page is updated.

NPI History

The Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for all health care providers. The purposes of these provisions are to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic transmission of health information. The NPI numbers are ten digits in length and have no embedded intelligence. They were created to replace all unique numbers that have been assigned by payers, such as OMAP's six-digit provider number.

Electronic claims require NPI

Effective May 23, 2007, OMAP will require providers to use their NPIs and taxonomy codes on all electronic claims. If you are a provider billing OMAP for medical, dental or mental health services, this requirement applies to you. Please see our recommendations document to determine if you are required to have an NPI and what OMAP's recommended taxonomy code would be for you at:

<www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/npi/main.shtml>.

If you have not yet acquired your NPI, you can log onto the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Web site to register for assignment of an NPI. Be sure to include a taxonomy code preference. Their URL is <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>. If you do not have Internet access, please call NPPES at 1-800-465-3203 and they can mail you a paper form.

If you are currently submitting electronic claims to OMAP, we are requesting that you send us your NPI number and taxonomy code(s)—whether you are a business or individual—to cross match you with the number we currently have on our Provider Enrollment files.

> OMAP can accept both your NPI and taxonomy codes on your electronic claims now. You must, however continue to send your OMAP number until May 22, '07. Then beginning May 23, '07, OMAP will only accept NPI and taxonomy codes.

Register your NPI with OMAP

Currently, OMAP has only received NPIs from three percent of our providers billing electronically. If you have your NPI and/or taxonomy code(s) that you have not reported to OMAP, please go to <http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/OE1038.pdf> to download a registration form. You can either fax the information to 503-947-5359 or mail the form back to us at:

> 500 Summer Street NE, E44
> Attention: NPI Registration
> Salem, Oregon 97301.

If you have a large clinic with multiple providers, please feel free to put this information into a word document or an Excel spreadsheet and fax that to OMAP, including all identified information requested on the form.

HIPAA Companion Guide Updates

OMAP will be updating our 270 series transactions to accommodate the use of the NPI—including updates to DHS Companion Guides. These changes will be effective by May 23, 2007. DHS will be also update our affected HIPAA Companion Guides to include information on the NPI and taxonomy codes, where we would expect to find the numbers, where to locate the taxonomy codes and the qualifiers necessary. Please monitor the HIPAA Web page for future updates at: <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/guides_man.shtml>.

Retesting

Because the inclusion of the NPI and taxonomy codes within the claims and other electronic transactions is a significant change, DHS will be mandating all electronic submitters to retest their systems. Watch for future updates.

Paper Claims

With the upcoming release of the new CMS 1500 professional, UB-04 institutional, and ADA-07 dental claim forms, OMAP made the business decision to require both the NPI and the OMAP provider number on all paper claim forms beginning May 23, 2007. OMAP will also be revising our OMAP proprietary forms: the OMAP 1036 adjustment and the OMAP 505 Medicare crossover claim forms. Please see our timeline document located online at: <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/npi/main.shtml> for more detailed information.

Remittance Advices

The electronic and paper remittance advices (RAs) will be updated effective May 23, 2007. Beginning then, OMAP will return the NPI number on your remittance advice, as applicable. Depending on whether you qualify for an NPI, or how you have chosen to apply the NPI rule, one of four scenarios could apply:

1. You are an atypical provider (i.e., non-medical service provider) and not eligible for an NPI, in which case you will see no change.

2. You have one OMAP number and one NPI. This will be a straight crosswalk and you will receive back a remittance advice that will contain the same information it does today but with the NPI instead of the OMAP provider number.

3. You have multiple OMAP provider numbers and you have chosen to go with one NPI and multiple taxonomy codes. In this scenario we will use your taxonomy code to get to the correct OMAP provider number. However, when we return your claim information for all of these providers, only one 835 claims remittance advice will be created.

4. You have multiple OMAP numbers and you have chosen to receive multiple NPI and taxonomy codes but not on a one-to-one basis. Under this scenario you might find that some claims will be combined on one claims remittance advice where they were not previously.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact:
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