



TO: Software Vendors and Clearinghouses

DATE: March 6, 2007

**SUBJECT: Idaho Medicaid National Provider Identifier (NPI) Implementation**

The Idaho Medicaid program will implement HIPAA NPI requirements in a series of releases, which are described below:

**837 Claim Transactions before May 23, 2007**

We are pleased to announce that the Idaho Medicaid Management Information System is ready to accept National Provider Identifier (NPI) on inbound professional, dental, and institutional 837 claim transactions. Please note that even though an NPI can be submitted on claims, the current Idaho Medicaid Provider Number must also be submitted in the REF segments until the federal NPI compliance date of May 23, 2007. Idaho Medicaid will continue to use the Idaho Medicaid Provider Number for processing. Claims submitted before May 23, 2007 with only the NPI will be denied.

Software vendors and clearinghouses are encouraged to test 837 electronic claim transactions with NPI prior to May 23, 2007 to ensure that transactions can be submitted successfully. To coordinate testing with EDS, please contact the EDI Helpdesk by calling the following toll free number: (800) 685-3757 and asking for technical support.

**837 Claim Transactions beginning May 23, 2007**

Beginning **May 23, 2007**, Idaho Medicaid will be ready to accept the NPI as the sole provider identifier on inbound professional, dental, and institutional 837 claim transactions.

Please note that Idaho Medicaid providers who are classified as “atypical” will not be expected to send an NPI on their claims and must continue to submit claims with their current Idaho Medicaid Provider Number. For a complete list of atypical providers, please refer to the NPI Frequently Asked Questions document posted on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website at the following link: [http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/\\_Rainbow/Documents/FAQ\\_NPI\\_2%2026%2007.pdf](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/_Rainbow/Documents/FAQ_NPI_2%2026%2007.pdf)

**NCPDP Electronic Pharmacy Claims**

Beginning **May 23, 2007**, the Idaho Medicaid Management Information System will accept an NPI on NCPDP 5.1 electronic pharmacy claims. The state license number or an NPI will be acceptable for identifying the prescribing provider.

**270/271 Eligibility Request/Response**

Beginning **May 23, 2007**, the Idaho Medicaid Management Information System will accept an NPI on 270/271 Eligibility Request/Response transactions. Idaho Medicaid provider numbers will no longer be required unless the provider is classified as an “atypical” provider.

**Later Releases**

The Idaho Medicaid Management Information System will phase in NPI remediation for 835 electronic Remittance Advice and 276/277 Status/Response transactions after May 23, 2007.

**Vendor Specifications**

Idaho Medicaid vendor specifications have been updated to include NPI specifications for 837 professional, dental and institutional claims transactions. These documents refer to information and situations that are specific to Idaho Medicaid. Idaho Medicaid vendor specifications should be used as supplements to the

Implementation Guides for the standard transactions. The Idaho Medicaid Vendor Specifications for 837 transactions can be found at the following website:  
<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3348/default.aspx>. The vendor specifications are located in the “Other Resources” section along the right edge of the web page.

The EDI department at EDS will update vendor specifications for NCPDP pharmacy transactions, 270/271 eligibility transactions, 835 Remittance Advice, and 276/277 claims Status/response as NPI changes are implemented for these transactions. The updated vendor specifications will be posted at the above website.

Please direct any questions about the above information to the EDI helpdesk by calling the following toll free number: (800) 685-3757 and asking for technical support.