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Important Notice to use NPI on all Medicaid Healthcare Transactions

Dear Provider:

As you know, New York Medicaid implemented the National Provider Identifier (NPI) billing requirements on September 1, 2008. Since that date the Department and Computer Science Corporation (CSC) have been monitoring the progress being made by our Medicaid provider community toward full compliance. Even though a majority of our providers have achieved compliance, we still have a significant percentage that continues to submit claims without their NPI.

You are receiving this letter because claims are being submitted under your Medicaid billing provider number without an NPI. **Effective March 25, 2009, the Department will discontinue payment of claims that do not include an appropriate NPI.** You must begin to include the NPI on claims currently being submitted under your Medicaid billing provider number. The NPI billing requirements are as follows:

- Institutional Claims- the Billing Provider NPI must be present.
- Professional and Dental Claims- the Billing Provider NPI and/or the Pay-to (Group) NPI must be entered. If necessary, the Rendering and Supervising Provider's NPI must also be present.

Failure to include the NPI on your claims will result in their denial.

The above NPI billing requirements impact all providers who are currently receiving NPI Edits 2020 or 2021 on their electronic supplemental remittance or on their paper remittances.

Certain providers, those that do not meet the HIPAA standards definition of a health care provider (i.e. child care agency, personal care vendors, etc.) are exempt from this NPI billing requirement. These providers will continue to submit their Medicaid provider number. If you are not sure whether you are required to use your NPI on claims, please visit the eMedNY website at

http://www.emedny.org/hipaa/FAQs/Do_I_need_NPI_for_billing.html

For electronic transactions, please reference the Companion Guides for specific NPI requirements: http://www.emedny.org/hipaa/emedny_transactions/transactions.html. If you have any questions regarding this billing requirement, or any other eMedNY billing issue please contact the eMedNY Call Center at 1-800-343-9000.