

***New York State Department of Health***  
**NPI NEWS**

**PROVIDERS MUST OBTAIN A NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI)  
BY MAY 23, 2008**

The Federal Government has mandated the use of only the NPI for electronic healthcare transactions, such as claims and eligibility requests by May 23, 2008. This means that providers (unless exempt from NPI) need to obtain an NPI prior to that date, as NYS Medicaid needs the NPI information to continue to pay claims after the implementation date. To find out how to obtain an NPI visit [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand).

**NYSDOH National Provider Identifier (NPI) Implementation News:**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will be implementing the NPI system changes September 1, 2008.

Since Attending Providers may no longer be identified using the NYS license numbers, the NPI will be required. It is critical NYS is able to link NPI information to the state license number in order to maintain provider edit capabilities. To facilitate this, clinics, hospitals and other facilities are required to maintain an up-to-date “roster” of Attending Providers.

As a result of both the NPI Final Rule and an Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) initiative, the NPI of a clinic, hospital, or other facility will no longer be accepted as an Attending Provider. Affiliation of Attending Providers with facilities will enable eMedNY to validate the relationship between the Attending Provider and the Billing Provider. It should be noted the OMIG has expressed their intent to review provider information reported in claim transactions, and that a claim will be denied if the Attending Provider’s NPI is not “linked” to the Billing Provider’s NPI.

The Facility Affiliated Practitioner NPI Application allows facilities to record NPIs and licenses for attending providers that are affiliated with the facility and may be included as a provider on claims submitted by the facility to NYS Medicaid. Facilities with multiple NPIs must maintain a separate roster for each NPI. Before the affiliation can take place, the facility must first REGISTER their NPI with NYS Medicaid. Note that registration is not the same as affiliation.

The Facilities Affiliated Practitioners NPI Application can be accessed by going to <http://www.emedny.org> and clicking on "Enter Facilities Practitioner's NPIs" located in the green box on the right of the page.

There is also a batch Facilities Practitioner's NPI Reporting (FPR) submission method, which was developed to accommodate facilities that have a large quantity of affiliations to record with NYS Medicaid. For information on the FPR, please visit <http://www.emedny.org/hipaa/NPI/index.html>.

For all questions and concerns regarding Facility Practitioner NPI Reporting, or for assistance, please contact eMedNY Provider Services Call Center at 1-800-343-9000.

Note: For ePACES users, attending providers are referred to as servicing providers in ePACES.

Questions about communicating NPI information to NYS Medicaid should be directed to the New York State Provider Enrollment at (518) 474-8161.