

NYSDOH National Provider Identifier (NPI) Implementation Delay and Contingency Plan:

[The following announcement will be included in a future Medicaid Update]

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will not be ready to implement the NPI system changes by the mandated date of May 23, 2007. Though significant progress is being made towards compliance, NYSDOH feels more time is needed to work with the provider community in creating the necessary crosswalks and complete the system modifications to ensure no disruption of payments.

There are also external factors influencing this decision, one of which is the inability to access the National Plan/Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) database to populate and validate our crosswalk. As a result, NYSDOH has implemented an NPI Registration System by which NYSDOH is requiring the provider community to register their NPI(s) with the corresponding MMIS Provider ID(s) to create the crosswalk. Unfortunately, as of December 31, 2006, only 6.03 percent of New York's active Medicaid providers had registered their NPI(s). To be ready for implementation, 100% registration is required before the mandated date. If you have not registered your NPI, please visit www.emedny.org. To obtain an NPI visit www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand.

The new NYSDOH NPI implementation target date is not known at this point. NYSDOH has asked Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), the eMedNY Contractor, to continuously update the project status in the Known Issues list. The new implementation date will be communicated in a future Medicaid Update article. NYSDOH requires the MMIS Ids and/or License Numbers, when applicable, until the NPI compliant system is implemented. Atypical providers – those that do not meet the HIPAA definition of a healthcare provider – are not eligible to receive an NPI from NPPES. These providers do not have to register and will continue to use their MMIS Ids even after NPI implementation.

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