



Provider Inquiry Assistance

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Claims Submission Instructions for Institutional Providers Billing Vaccine Claims in Cases Where a National Provider Identifier (NPI) Is Not Available

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Provider Types Affected

Institutional providers submitting affected claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

Key Points

Important Note: Medicare fee-for-service has instituted a contingency plan for NPI implementation that delays the requirement for the NPI beyond May 23, 2007. For details regarding this delay, please see MLN Matters article MM5595 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf> on the CMS website.

- The effective date of the instruction is May 23, 2007.
- The implementation date is May 23, 2007.
- Regulations implementing the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 require the use of NPIs by covered health care providers and health plans (other than small plans), effective May 23, 2007. (See **Important Note** above.)
- **Institutional Roster Billing** – Institutions that provide covered vaccinations to groups of Medicare beneficiaries may use simplified roster billing procedures to submit a single claim form to Medicare, attaching a roster of all the beneficiaries vaccinated on a given day.
- Since the provider identifiers of the attending physicians of these beneficiaries are not available to the institution providing the immunizations, longstanding Medicare instructions require the use of the surrogate Unique Physician Identification Number (“SLF000”) in the UPIN field on the institutional claim. **For claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007, the provider’s own NPI is to be reported in the NPI field for the attending physician.** (See **Important Note** above.)

- For claims received **on or after May 23, 2007**, where an NPI is not available for use in claims processing, institutions submitting vaccine roster bills to FIs or RHHIs must duplicate their own NPI in the Attending Physician NPI field on the claims. (See **Important Note** above.)

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4239.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction issued to the FI/RHHI regarding this change may be found by going to

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1051CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers may contact their local FI/RHHI if they have questions about this issue. Their toll-free phone number may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.