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### *Update to Requirement to Submit National Provider Identifier (NPI) Notification*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers and suppliers, except durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "providers") who bill Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) and Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for claims for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2008.
- The implementation date is January 7, 2008.
- Providers, except DMEPOS suppliers, are no longer required to submit to the Medicare contractor a copy of the NPI notification received from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System, unless requested to do so by the contractor.
- Similarly, if the provider, except DMEPOS supplier, obtained the NPI via the Electronic File Interchange (EFI) mechanism, the provider need not submit a copy of the notification received from the EFI Organization, unless requested to do so by the contractor.
- If paper documentation of a provider's NPI is requested by the contractor, the contractor may accept a copy of the provider's NPI Registry's Details Page in lieu of a copy of the NPI notification.

#### Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5795.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5795) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R227PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their Medicare A/B MAC, FI, RHHI, or carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.