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*Delete References to Required Reporting of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on or after May 23, 2007, and Revise to a "When Effective" Date*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is October 1, 2007.
- The NPI final rule, published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2004 ([http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/a040123c.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a040123c.html); Health and Human Services Department Rules), established the standard for a unique identifier for each health care provider for use in health care transactions.
- Medicare contractors were to be required to enter an NPI in certain items and fields on paper claim forms and electronic equivalents on or after May 23, 2007.
- On April 2, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services provided guidance regarding contingency planning for the implementation of the NPI.
- For some time after May 23, 2007, Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) will allow continued use of legacy numbers (Unique Physician Identification Numbers (UPINs) and Provider Identification Numbers (PINs)), as well as accepting transactions with only NPIs.
- The effective date for providers to use only the NPI on claims and to cease entering UPINs and PINs will be officially announced at a later date. This was previously communicated to providers in a MLN Matters article (MM5595) and corresponding Change Request (CR) 5595.

- CR5678 amends Chapter 80 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* to delete references to May 23, 2007, and to reflect that the use of the NPI will be mandated for Medicare FFS claims at a future date.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5678.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5678) issued regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1328CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

The related MLN Matters article (MM5595) is available at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers with any questions may contact their Medicare carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at

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