



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Revisions to the Chapter 14 of the *Medicare Program Integrity Manual* - JA6036

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Contractors Affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Carriers • Fiscal intermediaries (FIs) • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) • Durable Medical Equipment MACs
Provider Types Affected	Providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, A/B MACs, and DME MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



- Change Request (CR) 6036 is informational only and reminds providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) no longer issues updates or uses the Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN) in claims processing.
- CR6036 also provides information on how to access the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System and UPIN data.

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the UPIN Registry is no longer available, a copy of the UPIN file can be obtained by writing to: CMS Public Use Files 7500 Security Boulevard, N1-15-03 Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 • The following information is releasable for physicians and non-physician practitioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name, • Credentials (e.g., MD), • UPIN, • State,
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- ZIP Code, and
 - Specialty code.
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Background

- The Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 mandate the adoption of a standard unique health identifier for each health care provider.
 - CMS published the National Provider Identifier (NPI) final rule, which established the NPI as this standard.
 - CR6036 updates the *Medicare's Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 14, Sections 14.1 - 14.4) by removing information related to the issuance and maintenance of UPINs and replacing this information with information about obtaining NPI and UPIN data.
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Reference
Materials

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6036.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6036) issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R263PI.pdf> on the CMS website. CR6036 includes the updated Chapter 14 of the *Medicare's Program Integrity Manual* as an attachment.

Information about the NPI can be found on the NPI web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the CMS website.
