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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

Note: This article was updated on June 15, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

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

Provider Action Needed

This article is informational in nature and is based on Change Request (CR) 5678 which updates Chapter 80 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* to delete references to the May 23, 2007 mandatory date for entry of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on claims. The effective date for providers to use only the NPI on

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Medicare claims will be officially announced at a later date, as previously communicated to providers in the MLN Matters article corresponding to CR5595. That article is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf> on the CMS website.

Background

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) final rule, published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2004 (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 NPI in certain items and fields of paper claim forms and electronic equivalents on or after May 23, 2007.

However, on April 2, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) 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 only on claims and to cease entering UPINs and PINs will be officially announced at a later date, as previously communicated to providers in the MLN Matters article corresponding to CR5595. That article is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf> on the CMS website. This article reflects CR5678, which simply amends Chapter 80 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual to reflect that the use of the NPI will be mandated for Medicare FFS claims at a future date.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR5678, issued to your carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1328CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier, DMERCs, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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