



News Flash - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that 2007 PQRI Final Feedback Reports are available on a secure website. To access the reports, you must first register for access through a CMS security system known as the Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services (IACS). Do not register if you did not report PQRI quality measures in 2007. There are two categories of user types in IACS: individual practitioner and organization. The CMS approval process differs depending on the type of user you are; therefore, it is important to register correctly. Summary information about accessing the 2007 PQRI feedback reports for those registering as organizations and individual practitioners will soon be posted on <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.

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Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Vaccines

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers billing Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6079 and notifies providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) revised Form CMS-1500 to accommodate the reporting of the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The current Form CMS 1500 (08-05) does not require reporting the NPI for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccine claims submitted as roster bills. Therefore your Medicare contractor **should NOT return claims as unprocessable** to the supplier/provider of service when the rendering provider does not enter his/her NPI into 24J of Form CMS-1500 for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccine claims submitted as roster bills.

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Key Point of CR6079

The requirement of an NPI for the rendering provider **does not apply to influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccine claims submitted on roster bills.**

Additional Information

To see the official instruction (CR6079) issued to your Medicare FI, carrier, or A/B MAC visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1586CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

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