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# Correction of Business Requirement 4320.19 as Contained in CR4320 Regarding National Provider Identifier Information

**Note:** This article was updated on June 5, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. This article was previously revised on May 18, 2007, to add this statement that Medicare FFS has announced a contingency plan regarding the May 23, 2007 implementation of the NPI. For some period after May 23, 2007, Medicare FFS will allow continued use of legacy numbers on transactions; accept transactions with only NPIs; and accept transactions with both legacy numbers and NPIs. For details of this contingency plan, see the *MLN Matters* article, MM5595, at *http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf* on the CMS website.

## Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) and DME Medicare administrative contractors (DME MACs), fiscal intermediaries (FIs), and regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs))

## Impact on Providers

This article is based on change request CR5217, which instructs your Medicare carrier/DMERC/DME MAC, or FI/RHHI to provide specific National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) for those providers identified in electronic claims, such as a billing, pay-to, rendering or other provider, that have already obtained NPIs.

Prior to May 23, 2007, providers should report the Medicare legacy identifiers of those providers enrolled to submit claims to Medicare, as well as their NPI.

**Note:** Pending Medicare implementation of the UB-04 and the revised CMS-1500, providers are not to report NPIs on the current paper claim forms.

If not already available, the following information will be posted on your local Medicare contractor's web site or included in provider newsletters from your local Medicare contractor:

- Adjustments to edits to be applied when an NPI is included in an electronic data interchange (EDI) transaction; and

- Actions that can be taken by claim and 276 submitters to avoid rejection of their transactions as result of these edits, and information about how to correct and resubmit a transaction if the transactions are rejected as result of these edits.

## Additional Information

CR4320, "Stage 1 Use and Editing of National Provider Identifier Numbers Received in Electronic Data Interchange Transactions, via Direct Data Entry Screens, or on Paper Claim Forms" can be located at *http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R204OTN.pdf* on the CMS website.

MM4320, the similarly titled Medicare Learning Network (MLN) article associated with CR4320, is found at *http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM4320.pdf* on the CMS website.

CR5217 is the official instruction issued to your Medicare carrier/DMERC/DME MAC/FI/RHHI regarding changes mentioned in this article. CR5217 may be found at *http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R235OTN.pdf* on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your local Medicare carrier/DMERC/DME MAC/FI/RHHI at their toll-free number, which may be found at *http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html* on the CMS website.