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## Clarifications to Audiology Update Transmittal 1470

### Provider Types Affected

Audiologists submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) and carriers for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6061, which alerts Audiologists who are not currently enrolled to the fact that they are required to obtain their NPI and use it on claims for services they render on or after October 1, 2008. An audiologist not previously enrolled with Medicare should initiate Medicare enrollment as soon as they obtain an NPI.

### Background

Transmittal 1470, (CR5717) titled, "Update to Audiology Policies", was issued February 29, 2008, with clarifications to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual. (An MLN Matters article related to CR5717 is available at

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<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5717.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.) In chapter 12, section 30.3, the manual instructions state, “. . . the audiologist’s NPI is required on all claims for services furnished by audiologists.” CR6061 responds to questions concerning CR5717.

## Key Points

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- Audiologists who are enrolled and bill Medicare independently must have obtained their NPI on Medicare claims as of May 23, 2008 and must currently use it on claims for services they render.
- Those audiologists not currently enrolled with Medicare should obtain their NPI and enroll with Medicare as soon as possible prior to October 1, 2008. Audiologists who are not currently enrolled may continue to have their services billed as diagnostic test services by a physician or group until October 1, 2008.
- The audiologist’s NPI is required on all claims for services rendered by audiologists as of October 1, 2008.

## Additional Information

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To see the official instruction (CR6061) issued to your Medicare A/B MACs and carriers visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1550CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

To learn more about the NPI and how to obtain your NPI, visit [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProviderStand/06\\_implementation.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProviderStand/06_implementation.asp) on the CMS website. Information on enrolling as a Medicare provider is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/> on the CMS site.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare A/B MAC or carrier 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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