

January Messages

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Announcing the redesigned CMS web page dedicated to providing all the latest NPI news for health care providers! Visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the web. This page also contains a section for Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) providers with helpful information on the Medicare NPI implementation. A new fact sheet with answers to questions that health care providers may have regarding the NPI is now available on the web page; bookmark this page as new information and resources will continue to be posted.

For more information on private industry NPI outreach, visit the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) NPI Outreach Initiative website at <http://www.wedi.org/npioi/index.shtml> on the web.

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CMS Posts NPI Information for Medicare Organization Provider Subparts

The NPI Final Rule requires health care providers who are organizations and who are covered entities under HIPAA to determine if they have "subparts" that should be assigned NPIs. The NPI Final Rule provides guidance to those health care providers in making those determinations.

CMS has communicated to the Provider Enrollment staff at the carriers and fiscal intermediaries the Medicare program's expectations concerning the determination of subparts for NPI assignment purposes. CMS has posted a document describing the subpart concept and its relationship to the way in which Medicare enrolls its organization providers at www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/06_implementation.asp#TopOfPage on the web.

This document will be helpful to providers in understanding the issue of subparts and how subpart determination could be done in a way that helps to promote smoother and more efficient Medicare claims processing during the implementation of the NPI in the Medicare program.

The health care industry in general has expressed an interest in being informed of this type of information. CMS is making this information available on the CMS website so that it is easily available to interested parties.