



South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

NPI - 6 Months Away!

Do you have your National Provider Identifier (NPI) yet? The implementation date is just six months away. Effective **May 23, 2007**, it will be mandatory for providers to use their NPI on the following transactions:

- Electronic claims
- Electronic claims status queries
- Electronic eligibility queries
- Electronic remittance advices
- Hard copy claims

On and after **May 23, 2007**, South Carolina Medicaid will no longer accept your 6-character provider ID!

Don't Get Caught Without Your NPI!

Apply for your NPI today! The NPI is mandated as part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The unique 10-digit number is issued through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES); contact NPPES **today** to get your NPI to ensure a smooth transition in **May 23, 2007**, to give clearinghouses or practice management systems time to identify and make any necessary program changes, and to ensure that your reimbursements will not be interrupted! You can apply by using one of the following methods:

- Online by visiting - <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>
- Request a paper application by:
 - Calling: (800) 465-3203 or (800) 692-2326 (TTY)
 - E-mailing: customerservice@npienumerator.com
 - Writing to: NPI Enumerator, PO Box 6059, Fargo, ND 58108-6059

For additional NPI information, refer to the South Carolina Medicaid bulletins available online at www.scdhhs.gov (publication dates 10/19/05, 04/24/06, 09/11/06, 09/26/06, 10/12/06).