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TO: Pharmacy Services Providers

SUBJECT: National Provider Identifier (NPI) Requirements for South Carolina Medicaid Pharmacy Claims

Effective **April 16, 2007**, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will begin the **transition to the National Provider Identifier (NPI)** requirement for *identification of the dispensing pharmacy on pharmacy claims*. Pharmacy Services providers are encouraged to take appropriate steps **now** to ensure a satisfactory transition to the **NPI requirement date of May 23, 2007**.

Beginning April 16, 2007, Pharmacy Services providers should submit the pharmacy's NPI in the service provider ID field (NCPDP field number 201-B1) on pharmacy claims. When submitting claims using the NPI, Pharmacy Services providers are reminded to use the Service Provider ID qualifier of '01' in NCPDP field number 202-B2.

Although the NABP/NCPDP number will remain acceptable as the provider ID during the transition period, Pharmacy Services providers should begin submitting the pharmacy's NPI on April 16, 2007, instead of the NABP/NCPDP number. This transition period (April 16, 2007 *until* May 23, 2007) has been devised to allow South Carolina Medicaid Pharmacy Services providers sufficient time to apply all necessary NPI-associated software updates to point-of-sale (POS) systems prior to the NPI requirement date of *May 23, 2007*.

Effective May 23, 2007, providers will be required to submit only the pharmacy's NPI (*NOT the NABP/NCPDP number*) in the service provider ID field. Pharmacy claims with adjudication dates on or after May 23, 2007, **will reject** if the service provider's NPI is not submitted. No overrides will be allowed for claims that reject due to non-use of the NPI.

As a reminder, providers should obtain one NPI for each active Medicaid provider number. However, if a *dually-enrolled* Pharmacy Services and Durable Medical Equipment Services (DME) provider decides to use the same NPI for both the Pharmacy Services and DME provider ID number, then that NPI should be registered with DHHS using a different taxonomy code for Pharmacy Services and a different taxonomy code for DME. (Taxonomy codes may be found at: <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy>.)

Additionally, please note that it is the provider's responsibility to register the NPI with South Carolina Medicaid. Refer to the chart below for methods of registering the NPI with DHHS:

Choose One of the Following Options to Register the Pharmacy NPI with SC Medicaid	
Online	https://secure.dhhs.state.sc.us/npi/index.asp
	Forward a copy of the NPI enumeration document, including the pharmacy's six-character SC Medicaid number, taxonomy code, and zip+4 code to:
Mail	Medicaid Provider Enrollment, P. O. Box 8809, Columbia, SC 29202-8809
Fax	803-699-8637
Email	provider.enrollment@bcbsc.com
	Or, click on the Excel spreadsheet located at https://secure.dhhs.state.sc.us/npi/NPINotificationTemplateForType1and2.xls , complete the spreadsheet, and forward it to SC Medicaid via the email address above or send the completed spreadsheet via diskette to:
Diskette	Medicaid Provider Enrollment, P. O. Box 8809, Columbia, SC 29202-8809

Pharmacy Services providers are advised that the *information contained in this bulletin supersedes all previous NPI-related communications* regarding submission of pharmacy claims.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to the Department of Pharmacy Services at (803) 898-2876.

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