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Dear Provider:

On January 23, 2004, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the final rule for the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The rule establishes a standard for using a nationally assigned NPI that will be required for all electronic health care transactions. All providers who submit health care transactions electronically must begin using the NPI by May 23, 2007. Medicaid will require NPI on paper and electronic claims. The NPI will replace the current health care provider identifiers (i.e., Medicaid Provider ID, Medicare Legacy ID, commercial insurance provider IDs) that are in use today. Implementation of the NPI will eliminate the need for health care providers to use different identification numbers when conducting HIPAA standard transactions with multiple health plans.

Only health care providers are eligible to receive a NPI. Some Michigan Medicaid providers do not provide health care as defined by CMS but do provide health related services like non-emergency transportation, respite services, and adult foster care. These providers, known as "atypical providers", are not eligible for a NPI. Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will keep its atypical providers informed of any changes related to NPI that may indirectly affect them.

Like other health plans, nearly every aspect of Medicaid billing and reimbursement will be affected by NPI implementation. Providers will need to modify their enrollment files and use their NPI on everything from prior authorization requests to health care claims.

MDCH would like to begin collecting Medicaid providers' NPIs. A NPI collection application has been added to the MDCH Single Sign On (SSO) web tool. This application was created to collect and designate relationships between a Michigan Medicaid provider's new National Provider Identifier(s) and their existing Michigan Medicaid Provider IDs. Many Medicaid providers have access to Single Sign On for the Michigan Child Immunization Registry program. To sign onto or register for the SSO tool, go to <https://sso.state.mi.us/>.

MDCH recommends that providers visit the National Provider Identifier Outreach Initiative website at <http://www.wedi.org/npioi/>. The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is a CMS consultant that is also providing nationwide outreach and guidance to covered entities regarding NPI planning, transition, and implementation. For official CMS policy and other information related to the National Provider Identifier, visit the CMS website at [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/).

To apply for a NPI, visit the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) website at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/> or call 1-800-465-3203. Currently, you can apply by paper form or over the internet. MDCH will maintain up-to-date NPI information relevant to Michigan's health care providers on the MDCH website at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch) (click on Providers, then click on NPI).

If you have any questions about the information on MDCH's NPI website, please call Provider Inquiry at 1-800-292-2550 or e-mail [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

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