



February 21, 2007

[Provider Name]
[Group Name]
[Mailing Address]
[City, State Zip code]

Dear Provider,

Effective March 1, 2007, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBS IL) will begin accepting the new UB-04 billing form, also known as the CMS-1450 form. From March 1 through May 22, 2007, BCBSIL will be able to accept the current UB-92 form and the new UB-04 form. However, effective May 23, 2007 only the UB-04 will be accepted. Also, effective this date, providers must bill using their National Provider Identifier (NPI).

BCBSIL's adoption of the new UB-04 billing form is as follows:

- **March 1, 2007** – BCBSIL will accept *both* the new UB-04 form *and* the current UB-92 form. If submitting claims on the UB-04 during this time, providers may submit claims using:
 1. NPI *and* BCBSIL provider number; **or**
 2. BCBSIL provider number *only*.
- **May 23, 2007** – BCBSIL will accept *only* the new UB-04 form with your NPI *only*. The current UB-92 form will no longer be accepted.

For additional information on the UB-04 billing form, please visit the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Web site at www.nubc.org. For ongoing information and updates on how BCBSIL is implementing NPI and the new claim forms, please visit our Web site at www.bcbsil.com.

Don't delay! Submit your NPI today! NPI implementation is complex—it will directly impact claims processing. BCBS IL needs your NPI *now* to create crosswalks and facilitate timely payment. ***Receipt of your NPI by April 15, 2007 is required in order to prevent reimbursement delays or denials.*** If you do not share your NPI with us by this date, we cannot guarantee that your NPI will be loaded into our systems, validated and tested in time to assure timely reimbursements. It is imperative that you submit your NPI to us as soon as possible so that together we may be fully prepared for the May 23, 2007 NPI-only compliance date.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois