

THE NPI TIMES

The NPI TIMES newsletter keeps you up-to-date with the latest information on our NPI implementation efforts.

Effective May 23, 2007, the National Provider Identifier (NPI), mandated by HIPAA regulations, becomes the single provider identifier that must be used by health plans for all standard electronic claim transactions. Your NPI will replace the different provider identifiers you currently use for each health plan. We are requiring all providers to apply for their NPI and submit it to BCBSIL by April 15, 2007.



National Provider Identifier

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**You need to notify us of your National Provider Identifier (NPI) by April 15, 2007 to minimize any potential impact on payments!
Do you have your NPI? Have you shared your NPI?**

Submit your NPI to us by April 15, 2007

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) wants to ensure you have consistent and continuous claim payments after the compliance date. To meet this objective, we are requiring all providers to obtain and submit their NPI to us by April 15, 2007. This will give us time to test your number and ensure we are processing your claim payments appropriately before the May cut-off date mandated by the federal government.

Already have your NPI? Share it!
Complete and return the BCBSIL NPI Submission Form on the reverse side. Copies are also available in the Provider section of our Web site at www.bcbsil.com. In order for BCBSIL to accept your NPI, you must also send us a copy of your NPPES confirmation notice. NPI Submission Forms and NPPES Confirmation Notices can be faxed to us at 866-589-8253.

Don't have your NPI? Get it! Here's how:

- **Online Application:** <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>
- **Mail:** To request a paper application, call 1-800-465-3203 or e-mail the Enumerator at customerservice@npienumerator.com.

UB-04 claims submission to BCBSIL

As part of the transition to using NPI, BCBSIL will begin accepting the new UB-04 claim form on March 1, 2007. Providers utilizing the new UB-04 claim form must bill with either:

1. BCBS provider number and NPI; or
2. Only their BCBS provider number

Claims received with only the NPI prior to the May 23, 2007, compliance date will be returned.

BCBSIL will continue accepting the UB-92 in addition to the new UB-04 until May 23, 2007. However, after that date, only

the UB-04 claim form will be accepted for new and resubmitted claims.

Hospitals and other institutional providers should contact their regular form vendor to order the UB-04 paper claim forms.



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Resources

Additional information regarding NPI can be found on the following Web sites:

- CMS: www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProviderStand/
- National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES): www.nppes.cms.hhs.gov
- BCBSIL Web site: www.bcbsil.com. Click on the NPI logo for updated information, Frequently Asked Questions, an NPI Glossary and more!

Have a question?

If you have any questions on NPI and on the application process, contact:

- NPI Enumerator Call Center at 1-800-465-3203, or
- Send an e-mail to: customerservice@npienumerator.com

If you have any questions on how BCBSIL is implementing NPI, contact:

- BCBSIL Provider Telecommunications Center at 1-800-972-8088 or send an e-mail to npi@bcbsil.com
- Your Provider Representative who can support you through the entire NPI process.

NPI required on electronic and paper claims

Please remember BCBSIL will require NPIs on both electronic and paper claims beginning May 23, 2007.

Critical dates and milestones to remember

Currently

- BCBSIL requests that all providers submit their NPI to us.
- BCBSIL will accept NPI along with your existing BCBSIL provider number on standard electronic claim transactions.
- Providers may submit claims using the current CMS-1500 (12/90) or revised CMS-1500 (08/05) Health Insurance Claim Form. Providers utilizing the CMS-1500 (08/05) claim form must bill with either their BCBS provider number and NPI, or only their BCBS provider number.

March 1, 2007

- Providers may begin submitting claims on the new UB-04 claim form. Providers utilizing the new UB-04 claim form must bill with either their BCBS provider number and NPI, or only their BCBS provider number.
- The UB-92 will be accepted until May 23, 2007.

April 1, 2007

- Providers must submit claims using ONLY the revised version of the CMS-1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (version 08/05). All claims submitted on the CMS-1500 (12/90) will be rejected.

April 15, 2007

- Providers must submit their NPI(s) to BCBSIL to avoid any potential disruption in claim payments after the May 23, 2007 compliance date.

May 23, 2007

- As mandated by HIPAA regulations, your NPI becomes the single provider identifier that must be used for all standard electronic claim transactions. In addition, BCBSIL will require NPI numbers on all paper claims. Claims submitted without an NPI will be rejected.

NPI Submission Form

Section 1 - Provider General Information

Physician's/Provider's Last Name First Name MI Degree/Title
Tax ID Number: _____ Existing BCBS Provider #(s): _____

Section 2 - NPI Information

National Provider Identifier (NPI)#: _____

Section 3 - Primary Office Address:

Street Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone No: _____
Fax No: _____ Provider E-Mail Address: _____

Section 4 - Contact Information

Name of Individual Completing Form: _____
Phone No: _____ Fax No: _____
Contact E-mail Address: _____

Please fax your completed form and a copy of the enumerator's letter or confirmation e-mail as soon as possible to 866-589-8253