



# Pharmacy Update

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## **National Provider Identifier**

### **EFFECTIVE 5/23/07 PHARMACY CLAIMS WILL NOT PROCESS WITHOUT NPI**

The *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)* mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for health care providers. The purpose of these provisions is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic transmission of health information. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed the **National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPES)** to assign these unique identifiers.

OHCA currently identifies different subparts of organizations by an alphabetical character at the end of the Provider I.D. number. NPIs do not include these alphabetical characters. If you wish to track different subparts of your organization, you will need to apply for separate NPIs for each subpart. OHCA is encouraging all organizations to get NPIs for each subpart. If you do not get separate NPIs for subparts of your organization, there will be no way for you to track claims or revenues associated with a particular subpart. For example if you wish to track your pharmacy and DME businesses separately, you will need an NPI number for both subparts of your business. The remittance advice will include all revenues for the NPI and OHCA will not be able to separate them in any way. **If you need help with this, please contact Provider Enrollment at 1-800-522-0114 option 5.**

**Once you have received your confirmation letter from CMS please fax to OHCA at (405) 530-3224. Please include your SoonerCare provider identification number on the confirmation letter. No cover letter required.**

#### **Important Date**

5/23/2007

#### **NPI Information**

Pharmacy claims will process only with NPI. All electronic claims must be submitted with pharmacy's NPI in the provider ID field.

Prescriber's NPI will take the place of the SoonerCare Prescriber Number. Pharmacy claims will require prescriber's NPI in the Prescriber number field.

To apply for an NPI and for more information, please visit: [www.okhca.org/providers/npi](http://www.okhca.org/providers/npi)

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