

SoonerCare Pharmacy Update

Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Numbers 405-522-6205 option 4 or 800-522-0114 option 4
Service Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30a – 7:00p); Saturday (9:00a – 5:00p); Sunday (11:00a – 5:00p)
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UPDATE: National Provider Identifier - **IMPORTANT DATES HAVE CHANGED******

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 (NPPES)** 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 will not allow 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. 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 Medicaid provider identification number on the confirmation letter. No cover letter required.

Important Dates

NPI Information

5/23/2007

Old OHCA provider identification numbers no longer required on claims submitted to OHCA. Claims will process with NPI only.

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NPI will take the place of the Medicaid Prescriber Number. Pharmacy claims will only process using the NPI in the Prescriber number field.

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All electronic claims will be submitted with NPI only. Providers without NPI will be required to submit on paper. This could delay payment.

To apply for an NPI and for more information, please visit: www.okhca.org/providers/npi

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.