



Do You Have Your NPI?

National Provider Identifier (NPI): Six Months Until 05/23/2007

The September 23, 2006 South Carolina Medicaid bulletin explained that effective May 23, 2007, in response to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) mandates, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will require the use of NPI on standard electronic transactions including claims, claims status queries/responses, eligibility queries/responses and remittance advices. On and after that date South Carolina Medicaid will no longer recognize your Medicaid provider ID. SCDHHS will also require the use of NPI on hard copy claims effective May 23, 2007.

To learn more about NPI, register to attend a **virtual training** session. See page 5 for details!

In January 2006, the Web Tool was updated to accept NPI information. For more information on the new screens, refer to the January 12, 2006 issue of the Web Tool Times at www.scmemoaidprovider.org.

NPI: Get it. Share it. Use it.

Get it. There is no charge to obtain an NPI; however, not having one can be costly to you. You can apply online for an NPI by visiting <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. You can also request a paper application by one of the following methods:

- Call: (800) 465-3203 or (800) 692-2326 (TTY)
- E-mail: customerservice@npienumerator.com
- Write to: NPI Enumerator, PO Box 6059, Fargo, ND 58108-6059

When you apply for an NPI, you must include your current six-character legacy number and the associated state name.

Share it. Once you have obtained your NPI, you must share it with South Carolina Medicaid. South Carolina Medicaid is currently updating all systems in order to be prepared for May 23, 2007. We need your NPI on file. You can share your NPI by one of the following methods:

- Registering online at <https://secure.dhhs.state.sc.us/npi/index.asp>.
- Forwarding a copy of your enumerator letter to Medicaid Provider Enrollment:
 - Mail: PO Box 8809, Columbia, SC 29202-8809;
 - Fax: (803) 699-8637;
 - E-mail: provider.enrollment@bcbsc.com

You must include the following information noted on the letter: your six-character South Carolina Medicaid provider ID, your provider taxonomy code, and your zip+4 code.

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You can also use an Excel format found at <https://secure.dhhs.state.sc.us/npi/NPINotificationTemplateForType1andType2.xls> to report your NPI. Once you have entered your information, e-mail a copy of the form to provider.enrollment@bcbsc.com or mail a disk to Medicaid Provider Enrollment, PO Box 8809, Columbia, SC 29202-8809.

Use it. If you are filing electronic claims with your NPI now, you must include your current six-character South Carolina Medicaid provider ID and your taxonomy code. Supplying all three numbers provides both you and South Carolina Medicaid the opportunity to identify and correct any problems prior to May 23, 2007, when only the NPI may be utilized. The taxonomy used on your claims must match the taxonomy you have shared with SCDHHS.

NPI and Remittance Advices

Effective May 23, 2007, there will be one payment and one remittance advice for each NPI. This means that using the same NPI for more than one current Medicaid provider number will result in one payment and remittance advice/835, as opposed to a separate payment and remittance advice/835 for each current Medicaid provider number associated with that NPI.

For example, physician groups may have multiple group numbers based on multiple practice locations. If they choose to enumerate the groups with one NPI, this will result in their receiving one payment and one remittance, versus receiving a payment and remittance for each practice location.

Likewise, pharmacies that are also durable medical equipment (DME) providers that choose to enumerate with one NPI will receive one remittance advice and one payment that will include both pharmacy and DME claims.

If an organizational provider requires separation of payment and/or remittances, separate NPIs must be obtained and then registered with SCDHHS.

Taxonomy Codes

The taxonomy code is a unique 10-digit specialty code that classifies the type and specialization of the provider. To obtain a taxonomy code, go to www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy. Click on “Code Set” and select “Group” or “Individual”.

SCDHHS has identified the need to create a crosswalk from the NPI to the South Carolina Medicaid provider ID. Because you may choose to utilize the same NPI for multiple South Carolina Medicaid provider IDs, SCDHHS requires a unique combination of NPI, and the taxonomy code chosen by the provider, for most current Medicaid provider numbers. This unique combination will allow South Carolina Medicaid to accurately price and pay claims. If you do not include the taxonomy code when registering your NPI with the Medicaid program, SCDHHS will utilize the most common taxonomy for your provider type. Visit http://www.scdhhs.gov/internet/pdf/practice_spec_crosswalk_bulletin090606.xls to view the list.

Filing the Taxonomy Code on Web Tool Claims

The Web Tool was updated with NPI field additions, including the taxonomy code fields, in January 2006. You should begin using your taxonomy code along with your NPI when filing your claims on the Web Tool. Until May 23, 2007, be sure to also enter your six-character provider ID as well. Refer to the January 12, 2006 issue of the Web Tool Times for more field information.

The taxonomy code on the claim must be the same as the taxonomy code you register with South Carolina Medicaid. On and after May 23, 2007, only the NPI and taxonomy will be accepted.

Taxonomy Code Resources

For additional taxonomy resources, visit www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy/more_information for a list of frequently asked questions. If you have specific questions regarding taxonomy codes, send an e-mail to taxonomy@wpc-edi.com.

National Drug Code (NDC)

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2007, the Web Tool will be updated to reflect changes for claims for all drugs administered in an office/clinic or other outpatient setting. This is in compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements related to the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will require providers billing a drug-related Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for prescription drug products administered in an office or outpatient setting to include the following data elements on CMS-1500 claims:

- National Drug Code (NDC) - Using a 5-4-2 format (*i.e.*, 5 digits, followed by 4 digits, followed by 2 digits [9999999999]), each NDC must be reported as an 11-digit code unique to the manufacturer of the specific drug or product administered to the beneficiary.
- Quantity of each submitted NDC - Must be a numeric value greater than zero.
- Unit of measurement (UOM) for each submitted NDC-valid code includes:
 - F2 (international unit)
 - ML (milliliter)
 - GR (gram)
 - UN (unit)

For assistance with correctly populating the supporting NDC fields, Palmetto Government Benefits Administrator (PGBA) maintains an NDC to HCPCS Crosswalk at <http://palmettogba.com>. On the PGBA home page, under the “Other Partners” heading, click on the SADMERC link. On the Other Partners page, click on the NDC to HCPCS Crosswalk link under the “Topics” heading on the right navigation bar.

Updates to the Web Tool that reflect the new NDC fields on the CMS-1500 will be available January 2, 2007.

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NPI - Service Facility Location

Effective May 23, 2007, you can only file your claims with your NPI and taxonomy code. Do not include your six-character South Carolina Medicaid provider ID after May 22, 2007.

Service Facility Location and Zip+4 Code

When you register your NPI with South Carolina Medicaid, you must include a unique zip+4 code which reflects the physical location of your primary practice location.

The service facility location and zip+4 code must be included on the claim when a service is rendered at a location different from the primary practice location registered for the billing provider’s NPI.

Main Menu>Claims Entry>CMS-1500>Add

Scroll down to the Miscellaneous Claims Information Section

Place of Service Facility Type Code: 35-Adult Living Care Facility

Service Facility Location Zip: [] - []

The Place of Service Facility Type Code and Service Facility Location Zip fields will appear on the Web Tool in January 2007.

Web Tool Workshops

Workshops Scheduled through February 2007!

South Carolina Medicaid continues to offer Web Tool workshops in Columbia, South Carolina for providers who have not yet had the chance to attend or who would like a refresher course.

Please register by calling the toll-free number for South Carolina Medicaid Provider Outreach at 1-888-289-0709; or register online at www.scm Medicaidprovider.org.

December 18, 2006

Monday

10:00am – 4:00pm (Lunch on your own)

Location : BlueCross BlueShield of SC
4101 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29223

January 16, 2007

Tuesday

10:00am – 4:00pm (Lunch on your own)

Location: BlueCross BlueShield (GBA)
17 Technology Circle (Farrow Rd.)
Columbia, SC 29203

February 15, 2007

Thursday

10:00am – 4:00pm (Lunch on your own)

Location: BlueCross BlueShield
17 Technology Circle (Farrow Rd.)
Columbia, SC 29203

Enroll today to attend a workshop!

Virtual Training Sessions

National Provider Identifier Virtual Training Sessions Scheduled!

You can attend a virtual training session right at your computer. After you register for one of the sessions listed below, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with a Web site address and login information. Simply sign on and participate in a facilitator-controlled PowerPoint. While you view the presentation on your computer screen, you can e-mail questions directly to the facilitator.

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December 13, 2006

Wednesday

1:30pm – 3:30pm

January 18, 2007

Thursday

1:30pm – 3:30pm

February 20, 2007

Tuesday

1:30pm – 3:30 pm

Contact Us -

Please notify us if there are any changes in your address, telephone number, or e-mail address. Be sure to include your SC Medicaid Provider ID.

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www.scm Medicaidprovider.org

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The Web Tool is a free online Web-based application offered by South Carolina Medicaid for claims submission and eligibility requests. For help with Web claims, please call 1-888-289-0709 or e-mail us at edig.ops-mcaid@palmettogba.com.