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(1105) National Provider Indicator (Updated 05/13/2008)

Implementation of NPI May 23, 2008

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be required for all Medicaid claims received on and after May 23, 2008. Beginning May 23, Medicaid will only adjudicate claims that report the billing NPI. Also on that date, the legacy provider identifier (LPI) should no longer appear on paper or electronic claims. Atypical providers are not affected by this change. Atypical providers should continue to submit their LPI.

It is essential that the NPI, the billing provider office location ZIP Code™ + 4 and taxonomy code (when sent) reflect the exact information found on the provider's *IndianaAIM Provider Profile* record. This profile record is available for review via Web interChange, accessible through <http://www.indianamedicaid.com>.

Practitioners with prescribing authority are also required to provide their NPI to the dispensing pharmacy or durable medical equipment provider. This is necessary even when the prescriber is not enrolled in the IHCP.

Provider bulletin [BT200819](#) described how the *IndianaAIM* processing system uses the billing NPI, taxonomy (if sent), and billing provider office location ZIP Code + 4 to perform a crosswalk between the NPI and LPI. Beginning May 23, 2008, a second crosswalk process will be implemented, called the "progressive crosswalk."

IndianaAIM will employ the progressive crosswalk when the standard crosswalk fails to establish a one-to-one match between the billing NPI and LPI. The progressive crosswalk will use the following data elements in the following sequence:

- NPI only
- NPI and Taxonomy (if sent)
- NPI and Billing Provider Office Location ZIP Code + 4
- NPI and Billing Provider Office Location 5-Digit ZIP Code
- NPI and Taxonomy and Billing Provider Office Location 5-Digit ZIP Code

The progressive crosswalk will eliminate many of the NPI-related edit messages currently appearing on the remittance advice. Claims failing the standard and progressive crosswalk processes will be denied on and after May 23, 2008.

When submitting claims electronically, it is important to submit the billing provider office location ZIP Code + 4 in the 2010AA loop in the N403 segment. A document that maps the paper claim to the appropriate field on an electronic claim can be accessed at:

http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Misc_PDF/Paper%20to%20Electronic%20Map%20for%20NPI%20Fields.pdf

If you have questions regarding electronic claim submission, contact the EDS EDI Solutions Help Desk at (317) 488-5160 or 1-877-877-5182.