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## **(789) National Provider Identifier (Updated 03/01/2007)**

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a unique health identifier for healthcare providers who transmit health information in electronic format. The NPI resulted from a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) project to develop a healthcare provider identification system to meet the needs of the Medicare and Medicaid programs and to meet the criteria for a national standard.

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is implementing NPI in a three-stage process. A detailed IHCP Transition Plan for the NPI project can be found on the IHCP Web site at [http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/mpi\\_transition.asp](http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/mpi_transition.asp).

Stage 2 of this project will begin April 1, 2007. During stage 2, trading partners can send either the Legacy Provider Identifier/ IHCP provider number (LPI) or the NPI, or both. If the NPI is sent alone and does not crosswalk to a unique LPI in our system, the claim will reject.

If the NPI and LPI are sent and the NPI does not crosswalk to a unique LPI, the trading partner will receive a warning error on the Biller Summary Report (BSR) to indicate this. The claim will continue to be processed using the submitted LPI.

If the NPI is sent and crosswalks successfully, the NPI will display on outbound transactions and reports. The IHCP Reports and Acknowledgement Guide is being updated to note the changes to the BSR.

The new BSR errors are:

*Warning Errors* – when NPI and LPI are sent and crosswalk is unsuccessful, claim will be processed with LPI

801: LPI obtained in NPI Crosswalk conflicts with submitted LPI

802: Billing NPI not tied to LPI

803: Billing NPI tied to multiple LPI

*Rejection Errors* – during Stage 2 when NPI only is submitted and crosswalk is unsuccessful, claim will not be processed


258: Billing NPI tied to multiple LPIs

259: Billing NPI not tied to LPI

Additionally, the IHCP Companion Guides have been updated to inform vendors how to submit NPI. The updated Companion Guides are available on the IHCP Web site at [http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/TradingPartner/tp\\_companion\\_guides.asp](http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/TradingPartner/tp_companion_guides.asp).

Testing EDI files for NPI is not required. However, if you desire to test NPI changes, contact the EDI Solutions Help Desk at 317-488-5160 or 877-877-5182 or e-mail [INXIXTradingPartner@eds.com](mailto:INXIXTradingPartner@eds.com).

Additional information about NPI can be found on the IHCP Web site at [http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/mpi\\_transition.asp](http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/mpi_transition.asp).



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