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SUBJECT Requirement for Prescribing Provider National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number on Outpatient Pharmacy Claims – Pharmacy Services		BY  Izanne Leonard-Haak, Acting Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform prescribing and dispensing providers of the following:

1. Effective January 3, 2011, all claims for outpatient pharmacy services in the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number of the prescribing provider.
2. All prescribing providers must include their NPI on the prescription in addition to the active and valid license number.
3. Pharmacy claims submitted on and after January 3, 2011 that do not include a valid NPI number for the prescribing provider will be denied.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all pharmacies and dispensing providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program and providing services in the FFS delivery system, and all enrolled and non-enrolled providers who prescribe drugs for MA recipients who receive their services through the FFS delivery system, including ACCESS Plus. Providers prescribing or rendering services in the managed care delivery system should address any payment-related questions to the appropriate MA Managed Care Organization (MCO).

BACKGROUND:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148 as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152)), together known as the Affordable Care Act, includes multiple provisions for health care reform that impact the Medicaid program. One of the provisions in Section 6401, entitled “Provider Screening and Other Enrollment Requirements Under Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP”, stipulates that states must require the NPI of any ordering or referring physician or other professional to be specified on any claim for payment that is based on an order or referral of the physician or other professional.

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Currently, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) permits providers the option to submit either the prescribing provider's license number or the prescriber's NPI number in the prescribing provider or referring provider field. In addition, the Department currently accepts license numbers in other formats (i.e. NY999999X) for out-of-state prescribing providers. A review of recent paid claims history revealed that approximately 75 percent of all outpatient pharmacy claims in the FFS delivery system included the prescribing provider's NPI number.

DISCUSSION:

In order to ensure compliance with the provision in Section 6401(b)(7) of the Affordable Care Act, the Department is requiring the prescribing provider's NPI number on all outpatient pharmacy claims, effective January 3, 2011. This requirement applies regardless of whether the claim is submitted electronically or by Internet. Most electronic prescribing software already includes the capability for the prescriber to include the NPI number on the electronic prescription. The prescribing provider's NPI number must be included regardless of whether the prescribing provider is enrolled or not enrolled in the MA Program and the number must be accurate. License numbers, including those for out-of-state prescribing providers, previously provided in other formats, will no longer be accepted. Pharmacy claims submitted without an accurate NPI number of the prescribing provider will deny.

If the prescribing provider fails to provide the NPI number, the pharmacist should attempt to obtain the necessary information in the same manner as when presented a prescription that does not include any other required information, such as, but not limited to, the prescribing provider's license number or, in the case of a prescription for a controlled substance, the prescribing provider's DEA number.

PROCEDURES:

NCPDP v5.1 and 1.1 Claims

Complete the Prescriber segment on the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Version 5.1 for Interactive and Version 1.1 for Batch claims as follows:

1. Populate the Prescriber ID Qualifier, field 466-EZ, with a value of '01' indicating the NPI as the identifier.
2. Populate the Prescriber ID, field 411-DB with the accurate 10-digit NPI number of the prescribing provider.

837P Physician Dispensed Drug Claims

Complete the Referring Provider Secondary Identification segment on the 837P (Professional) Physician Dispensed Drug claim located in Loop 2310A, Segment REF as follows:

1. Indicate an NPI number is being submitted in the REF01 qualifier field.
2. Populate the REF02 field with the 10-digit NPI number of the referring provider. NOTE: For Family Planning claims, the REF02 field must be populated with the 10-digit NPI number of the referring provider who is associated with the family planning clinic submitting the claim.

Internet Claims

Enter the 10-digit NPI number in the Prescriber ID field located under the Details section of the submission page. If the value entered in the Prescriber ID field is not recognized as a 10-digit NPI number, then the claim will deny.