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**Attention: ALL Healthcare Providers**

**Subject: You must register an NPI number with DPW!**

**Who is expected to register an NPI number with the Department of Public Welfare (DPW)?**

All healthcare providers, regardless of method of claims submission will be required to register an NPI number with DPW.

**Why do I need to register an NPI number with DPW if I submit claims via the internet or paper?**

Even providers who submit claims via the internet or paper will be required to register an NPI number with DPW. A healthcare provider who does conduct HIPAA standard transactions (such as pharmacies, hospitals, group practices, laboratories, and many others) may need to identify you as a rendering, ordering, referring, prescribing, attending, supervising, or other type of provider, in the claims they send to health plans. Many health plans, including Medicare, will require NPIs to be used to identify some or all of those other providers. In such situations, you would need to have an NPI to give to these other providers.\* In order to ensure the smooth payment of your claims you must register an NPI number with DPW!

**Need more information on registering? Go to**  
**<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Business/NPIinfo/>**

A CMS web page dedicated to providing all the latest NPI news is available at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/04\\_education.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/04_education.asp#TopOfPage) on the CMS Web site. Check the Department of Public Welfare's Web site often at [www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us)