

Alaska Medicaid NPI Enumeration Recommendations

To help ensure that Alaska Medicaid providers do not experience denials of claims or delays in Alaska Medicaid claims processing and payment, Alaska Medicaid encourages each of its enrolled health care providers to obtain a unique NPI. These NPIs will replace your Alaska Medicaid provider number that is used today in HIPAA standard transactions.

Alaska Medicaid recommends that **health care organizations** consider obtaining multiple NPIs which identify their lines of business. These are known as subparts.

A Subpart:

- Is a part of a legal entity
- Furnishes health care
- Is separately and uniquely identified in HIPAA standard transactions
- May or may not be located at the same location as the legal entity
- Is **NOT** an individual

Examples include:

- a physical therapy center owned by a hospital;
- an I.H.S. clinic which is part of a larger health care organization;
- a community mental health center which is owned by the same entity as a behavioral rehabilitation services provider and/or a substance abuse provider.

Alaska Medicaid encourages **individual health care providers** and **sole proprietors** to obtain an NPI. Individuals and sole proprietors are not subparts.

Use of **taxonomy** code(s) is also recommended by Alaska Medicaid. Taxonomy codes are a key identifier for processing and payment purposes. They define areas of health care specialization which assist in uniquely identifying a specific Alaska Medicaid provider.

In order for NPIs and taxonomy codes to mirror current Alaska Medicaid enrollment, please refer to the attached **NPI Enumeration Recommendations**. If you are a health care organization having Alaska Medicaid enrollments in more than one provider type on the attached list, we recommend you consider obtaining more than one NPI through the subpart enumeration process described above. If you select a different enumeration approach, Alaska Medicaid will attempt to match your claims based on various claim field values. Our recommendations are intended to promote successful claim adjudication by Alaska Medicaid.

Note the attached identifies specific taxonomy codes for certain provider types. These are the taxonomy codes which Alaska Medicaid will use to properly identify and pay claims. If you have an Alaska Medicaid enrollment in any of the provider types with specific taxonomy codes listed, you may want to use these taxonomy codes when obtaining your NPI.

No health plan, not even Medicare, can instruct a provider on how to enumerate subparts. This is a business decision that the organization provider must make considering its unique business operations.