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**Attention: Providers Submitting Electronic Claims
in the Institutional Format**

NPI UPDATE NOTICE

PROVIDERS SUBMITTING **ELECTRONIC** CLAIMS IN THE **INSTITUTIONAL** (837I) FORMAT

Denial of electronic institutional claims submitted with **both** NPI and Medicaid provider ID numbers has been postponed until July 1, 2008.

Effective May 23, 2008 Alaska Medicaid transitioned to accepting only the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number on electronic institutional (837I) claims. As previously stated, providers may discontinue use of the Medicaid provider id numbers on institutional claims and, instead, bill with the NPI number supplied for your Alaska Medicaid provider record. In addition, use the NPI number in all appropriate secondary provider fields, for example, the attending provider field.

Refer to the companion guide at <https://alaska.fhsc.com/providers/hipaa/guide.asp> for instructions on where to key NPI identifiers on electronic claims.

Please direct any questions to the Provider Inquiry Unit at (907) 644-6800 (option 1) in Anchorage or outside the State of Alaska, or at (800) 770-5650 from other locations in Alaska.