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**Attention: Providers Submitting Electronic Claims  
in the Professional (837P) Format**

## **NOTICE OF DATE EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSION OF NPI-ONLY CLAIMS**

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Effective May 23, 2008 Alaska Medicaid transitioned to accepting only the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on claims submitted electronically. Providers submitting electronic claims in the professional (837P) format were given the option to discontinue sending the Medicaid Provider ID on their claims.

To avoid delays in processing claims submitted with NPI only, we continue to encourage providers to test whether their NPI-only claims successfully match to the MMIS Medicaid Provider ID (refer to the flyer "Alaska Medicaid Try NPI-Only Now" for testing information). We have received feedback from many providers who have successfully tested and transitioned to the submission of NPI only; however, there are many providers who are still working towards that goal.

**Therefore, Alaska Medicaid will continue to accept both NPI and Medicaid Provider ID on electronic claims in the professional (837P) format through August 29, 2008 (this does not apply to professional crossover claims). Another assessment will be made on August 15, 2008 to check the progress made by the providers in the NPI-only transition; FHSC will continue to update providers regarding the submission of NPI only on their claims.**

Submit the NPI for the billing provider, as well as the rendering/servicing provider when the applicable billing manual requires identification of the rendering/servicing provider. Professional claims must include the **billing** provider's taxonomy and ZIP + 4. NPI, taxonomy and ZIP + 4 are used to match claims to Medicaid provider records. In addition, use the NPI in all appropriate secondary provider fields, for example, the Referring Provider field.

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

Please direct any questions to FHSC's Provider Inquiry Unit at (907) 644-6800 (option 1) or (800) 770-5650 (toll-free in Alaska).