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Re: NPI Required Effective October 31, 2007

Dear Pharmacy Provider:

Effective October 31, 2007, the NABP/NCPDP number will no longer be accepted in the Service Provider ID field. Alaska Medicaid will transition to the National Provider Identifier (NPI) requirement for identification of the dispensing pharmacy on pharmacy claims. Pharmacy providers are encouraged to take appropriate steps now to ensure a satisfactory transition to the NPI requirement.

Please note that failure to supply the NPI will cause claims to be rejected on and after October 31, 2007. This rule will not be applied to the Prescriber ID field at this time. We will continue to accept the NPI, Medicaid ID or the State issued default ID in the prescriber field until further notice.

For Point of Sale/Electronic Claim Submitters: Pharmacy service providers should submit the pharmacy's NPI in the Service Provider ID field (NCPDP field number 201-B1) on pharmacy claims. When submitting claims using the NPI, Pharmacy Service providers are reminded to use the Service Provider ID Qualifier of '01' (NCPDP field number 202-B2).

NCPDP Field Name	NCPDP Field Number	Values on Oct 31, 2007
Pharmacy NPI in Service Provider ID field	201-B1	NPI
Service Provider ID Qualifier	202-B2	01 = NPI

For Paper Claim [Universal Claim Form (UCF)] Submitters: The provider should submit the Pharmacy's NPI in the Service Provider ID field (UCF NCPDP field number 5) and use a Service Provider ID Qualifier of '01' (UCF NCPDP field number 5).

NCPDP Field Name	NCPDP Field Number	Values on Oct 31, 2007
Pharmacy NPI in Service Provider ID field	5	NPI
Service Provider ID Qualifier	5	01 = NPI

Please direct any questions to the Pharmacy Technical Call Center at 1-800-884-3238.

Sincerely,
Affiliated Computer Services, Inc.