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Attention Pharmacy Providers:

NPI Compliance & the Prescriber Identifier

Effective May 21, 2008, Alaska Medicaid will require providers to use the prescriber's NPI for Pharmacy transactions. "Dummy" Prescriber Identification Numbers **will no longer be valid** and claims will no longer deny for invalid provider type codes. Currently, if the prescriber type code is not on a list of eligible codes a claim denies with the following error codes:

For Point of Sale/Electronic Claim Submitters:

Error code – 056 – Non-matched Prescriber ID

For Paper Claim [Universal Claim Form (UCF)] Submitters:

MMIS Error Code – 121 – Prescriber Missing

MMIS Error Code – 122 – Prescriber Invalid

As of May 21, 2008, if the prescriber NPI is not present, or does not pass check digit validation, the claims will deny with the following error codes:

For Point of Sale/Electronic Claim Submitters:

Error code – 025 – Missing/Invalid (M/I) Prescriber ID

For Paper Claim [Universal Claim Form (UCF)] Submitters:

MMIS Error Code – 121 – Prescriber Missing

MMIS Error Code – 122 – Prescriber Invalid

For Point of Sale/Electronic Claim Submitters: Pharmacy service providers should submit the Prescriber's NPI in the Prescriber ID field in NCPDP field number 411-DB on pharmacy claims. Providers should use "01" as the Prescriber ID Qualifier in NCPDP field number 466-EZ.

NCPDP Field Number	NCPDP Field Name	Values
411-DB	Prescriber ID	NPI #
466-EZ	Prescriber ID Qualifier	01 = NPI

For Paper Claim [Universal Claim Form (UCF)] Submitters: The provider should submit the Prescriber's NPI in the Prescriber ID field between fields 11 and 12 on the UCF claim form. Providers should use "01" as the Prescriber ID Qualifier in field number 12 on the UCF claim form.

UCF Field Number	UCF Field Name	Values
Between fields 11 and 12	Prescriber ID	NPI #
12	Prescriber ID Qualifier	01 = NPI

Pharmacies should obtain the prescriber NPI from the prescribing provider or from the NPPES website at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>. Correlation of the prescriber NPI number to a specific provider will begin soon and more information will be communicated as it becomes available.



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