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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) adopt a standard unique health identifier for health care providers. On January 23, 2004, HHS published the Final Rule that adopted the National Provider Identifier (NPI) as the standard unique health identifier for health care providers. The effective date of the rule was May 23, 2005. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began issuing NPIs to health care providers on May 23, 2005. The NPI compliance date for all covered entities is May 23, 2007. The compliance date is based on the date of transaction-not the date of service or admission.

On May 15, 2006, Missouri Medicaid added a new option to the Medicaid billing Web site at [www.emomed.com](http://www.emomed.com) for providers to submit their NPI. The option titled "Update Provider Information, Add/View NPI" enables providers to add their NPI to their Missouri Medicaid Provider Master Record. This information is being used during the Missouri Medicaid NPI Transaction Period to create a crosswalk from the provider's NPI to the existing (legacy) provider number. Providers must add their NPIs to the Missouri Medicaid Provider Master Record by May 23, 2007, when all claims, Prior Attachment Request forms, attachments, etc., will be required to be submitted with the NPI.

Health Care Excel (HCE) will also implement an NPI transaction period. Providers contacting HCE regarding the request of an admission certification, continued stay review, retrospective reviews, and other general requests, must continue supplying HCE their legacy provider number (Missouri Medicaid provider number) through October 1, 2006, regardless of date of service.

From October 2, 2006 through May 22, 2007, HCE will be able to accept either the legacy provider number or the NPI. However, if a provider has not yet submitted their NPI to Missouri Medicaid, they must continue to use the legacy provider number.

Effective May 23, 2007 and after, regardless of the date of service or admission, providers must use their NPI for requests.

All documentation received from HCE, including information on the Case Inquiry System (CIS) will continue to have the Missouri Medicaid legacy provider number through May 22, 2007.

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the DMS Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/dms/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

**Missouri Medicaid News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the DMS Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/dms/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official Missouri Medicaid communications via e-mail.

**MC+ Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**