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Attention: All Providers

Updated NPI Required Effective February 13, 2008

Effective February 13, 2008, Alaska Medicaid will require the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number on all claims submitted electronically by covered entities (this includes 837I, 837D and 837P transactions). Alaska Medicaid will require the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number for the billing provider on all of these claims. In addition, Alaska Medicaid will require the NPI number of the rendering/servicing provider on any claim for which current billing standards require identification of the rendering provider. If you are unsure whether the rendering provider information is required on a specific type of claim, please refer to the billing instructions in your provider billing manuals.

Billers need to continue to send Medicaid provider identification numbers (also called legacy identifiers) in addition to the required NPI number(s). Alaska Medicaid will notify you when these legacy identifiers are no longer needed or permitted on electronic transactions. Refer to the companion guides at <https://medicaidalaska.com/providers/hipaa/guide.html> for instructions on where these identifiers are keyed on electronic transactions.

Please note that failure to supply the NPI will cause claims to be denied on and after February 13, 2008. Providers should confirm with their electronic transaction vendors that NPI information is included on their file transmissions to Alaska Medicaid.

Electronic Claim Submitters:

837I, 837D and 837P claims must contain the NPI in the Billing Provider Loop 2010AA. In addition, for claims requiring identification of the rendering/servicing provider, see Rendering Provider Loop 2310 B. Required fields and values are as follows:

EDI 837 Field Name	EDI 837 Field Number	Values on Feb 13, 2008
Identification Code Qualifier	NM108	XX (Enter XX for NPI Qualifier)
Identification Code	NM109	10 digit NPI

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



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