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Date Extended for Submission of NPI-Only Professional (837P) Format Claims

"Thank you" to the many providers who have successfully transitioned to submitting their National Provider Identifier-only claims in the professional (837P) format. One-third of the providers are still in the process of transitioning to the submission of NPI-only claims.

Therefore, Alaska Medicaid will continue to accept both the NPI and the Medicaid Provider ID on electronic claims submitted in the professional format **through the end of February, 2009**.

This transition period should be used to test submission of claims with ONLY your NPI. The testing period allows the necessary lead time to identify and resolve any issues which may delay the processing of your claims. We recommend that you begin testing NPI-only claim submissions as soon as possible.

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

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