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

**MMIS System Changes are underway** to allow Group enrollment reflecting your business practices. For those providers impacted by this we will continue to accept both the NPI and the Medicaid Contract ID (MCI) on 837P claims.

When system upgrades are completed, a group enrollment can consist of any combination of the following health professionals:

- Physicians Physician Assistants\*
- CRNAs\*
- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Pathologists
- PT, OT, SP Assistants\*
- Nurse Midwives
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners
- Optometrists Opticians
- Audiologists

**To prepare your practice for these changes**, please submit enrollment applications for your Group Practices now. If you already have a Group Enrollment, please submit a change form to identify all health professionals in your practice. If your provider type is identified by an asterisk (\*) above, submit an enrollment application and identify the business practice to which you are affiliated. A detailed NPI Enrollment Requirements flyer will be forthcoming to guide you in this effort.

If the above information does not apply to you, discontinue submitting your MCI on your claims. The prior dual use extensions allowed time for testing electronic NPI-only claim submissions and resolution of any issues. NPI-only electronic claims are the HIPAA compliant National Standard.

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