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TO: Pharmacy Providers
FROM: First Health Services Corporation
DATE: May 22, 2007
SUBJECT: Important Clarification for Paper Claim (Universal Claim Form) Submitters (NPI)

For Paper Claim (Universal Claim Form) Submitters Only: Alaska Medicaid has received clarification from NCPDP on how to submit NPIs on paper pharmacy claims. **This is updated information that is relevant only to Paper Claim Submitters.**

Effective **May 23 2007**, Alaska Medicaid will begin the **transition to the National Provider Identifier (NPI)** requirement for *identification of the dispensing pharmacy and the prescriber on pharmacy claims*. Pharmacy service providers are encouraged to take appropriate steps **now** to ensure a satisfactory transition to the **NPI requirement**.

During the transition period, the NPI or the NABP number may be used. **Beginning May 23, 2007, the provider should begin submitting the Pharmacy's NPI in the Service Provider I.D. field and use a Service Provider ID Qualifier (Universal Claim Form NCPDP field number 5) of '01'**. Although the NABP/NCPDP number will remain an acceptable provider ID during the transition period, Pharmacy Service Providers are encouraged to begin submitting the Pharmacy's NPI on May 23, 2007, instead of the NABP/NCPDP number.

Beginning May 23, 2007, the provider can also begin submitting the Prescriber's NPI in the Prescriber I.D. field and using a Prescriber ID Qualifier (Universal Claim Form NCPDP field number 12) of '01'

First Health will be testing with select vendors and pharmacies. **If you are interested in participating in the testing, please contact Carrie Estes at 804-217-5060 for scheduling and claim specific submission information.**