



URGENT NOTIFICATION

December 2007

RE: Mandatory Submission of NPI Effective January 1, 2008

Dear Practice Manager or Administrator:

Maryland Physicians Care ("MPC") is continuing its efforts to collect the National Provider Indicator (NPI) numbers for all providers rendering services to its members, as well as NPI numbers secured for practices, if applicable. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that effective **effective January 1, 2008**, MPC will no longer accept claims without the NPI. These claims will be denied and must be corrected in preparation for resubmission to MPC through the employment of MPC's claims resubmission process as stated below.

Label the corrected claim "Resubmission" and send it to the attention of "Resubmission" at the address listed below within 90 working days of the denial. Not clearly indicating "Resubmission" may result in further delays.

Maryland Physicians Care MCO Claims-"Resubmission"

P.O. Box 61778

Phoenix, AZ 85082-1778

Providers' Request and Communication of NPI to MPC

MPC continues to emphasize the urgency of providers requesting, obtaining and sharing NPI with trading partners such as MPC. Providers must request and obtain NPI immediately from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System ("NPPES"), which may be accessed using the website listed below <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>. Providers must share newly obtained NPI with trading partners such as MPC, if the provider has not already done so. Documentation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may be faxed or mailed to the attention of MPC's Provider Relations Department using fax number 410-609-1927, or mailing address: 509 Progress Drive, Suite 117 Linthicum, Maryland 21090. The use of legacy IDs on any claims will be discontinued on July 16, 2007.

Claim Forms-Reminder

Effective October 1, 2007 providers and facilities were required to submit new claim form types (i.e., UB04 and CMS 1500). Provider federal tax identification numbers are required in order to facilitate pay-to information validation.

Please contact provider Relations at **800-953-8854, Option 2, Option 3**, if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Maryland Physicians Care