

# **Provider Bulletin**

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In response to questions about First Choice Health Network's readiness to accept 'NPI only' identifiers on electronic claims files, we are providing the following information to clarify our position.

- Electronic claims with 'NPI Only' identifiers will be accepted.
- Electronic claims will not be rejected if the Tax Identification Number (TIN) is used as an identifier on electronic claims.
- FCHN will operate in the dual identifier mode until August 31, 2008, pending further review.

If you are a submitter of electronic claims and are not submitting NPI as the primary identifier, we strongly advise you to begin this transition immediately.

## **Important information for electronic claims submission**

If you are submitting an NPI for the Billing or Pay to provider, the Tax ID is required per 837 HIPAA Standard Implementation Guide as the Provider Secondary ID.

### **NPI Identifier for billing provider:**

For professional claims, when a billing provider office uses the NPI in Loop 2010AA Segment NM108 Qualifier "XX" (NPI) and NM109 as the actual NPI, the electronic claim should also include the secondary reference Segment REF01 Qualifier "EI" (Tax ID) and REF02 as the actual tax identification number for the rendering or pay-to provider.

### **NPI Identifier for rendering or pay-to provider:**

For professional claims, when a provider office uses the NPI in Loop 2010AB for Pay-to provider or Loop 2310B for Rendering provider Segment NM108 Qualifier "XX" (NPI) and NM109 as the actual NPI, the electronic claim should also include the secondary reference Segment REF01 Qualifier "EI" (Tax ID) and REF02 as the actual tax identification number for the rendering or pay-to provider.

## Important information for paper claims submission

If you are using an NPI on a paper claim, you must also use the revised CMS-1500 claim form as it has specific fields to accommodate your NPI. If you are submitting an NPI for the Billing or Pay to provider, the Tax ID is required per 837 HIPAA Standard Implementation Guide as the Provider Secondary ID.

### **NPI and Federal Tax I. D. Number for billing provider:**

- Field 25: Enter the billing provider's Federal Tax I.D. Number (TIN)
- Field 33: Enter the billing provider's information.
- Field 33a: Enter the billing provider's NPI.

### **NPI Identifiers for rendering provider**

- Field 24J: Enter the rendering provider's NPI only if it is different from the billing provider. Billing provider is the provider who performed the service in Field 33a.
- Field 32: Enter the rendering provider's address only if different from the billing provider.
- Field 32a: Enter the NPI of the rendering provider's service location.

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