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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update

*Only 8 months until the NPI compliance date!
Do you have your NPI?*

Denti-Cal providers, dental plans, and clearinghouses *must* begin submitting the NPI on all HIPAA electronic covered transactions beginning May 23, 2007.

Providers must continue utilizing their existing Denti-Cal provider numbers until further notice.

Providers may apply for an NPI in one of three ways:

- ✓ Visiting the Web site at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>;
- ✓ Mailing a completed paper application to the address found at the above Web site;
- ✓ Calling (800) 465-3203 or (800) 692-2326 (TTY).

For more general information about the NPI, please visit the Web site for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand> and for frequently asked questions:

http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=bI-syZ8i

Current Dental Terminology (CDT)

CDT code and criteria implementation is targeted for mid-to-late 2007, pending final regulatory approval.

CDT codes will not be accepted by Denti-Cal at this time. Any claim service line (CSL) submitted with a CDT procedure code, an invalid procedure code, or a blank procedure code field will be denied.

If there are any questions, please call Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.