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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update

Denti-Cal is currently assessing its present systems to comply with the HIPAA regulations for implementing the NPI. Denti-Cal providers, dental plans, and clearinghouses must begin using/accepting 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 by:

- Visiting the Web site at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>, or
- Mailing a completed paper application to the address found at the above Web site, or
- 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/EmployerIdentifierStand>.

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