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Subject: Cut-off for Acceptance of Claims without the National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Providers were previously advised by CSHCS that the National Provider Identifier was required on all paper and electronic claim submissions, as of May 23, 2007. The required date for submitting claims with the NPI is being extended until May 23, 2008. The CSHCS claims processing system will accept NPI's on May 23, 2007, but will not reject claims that are submitted with only the CSHCS provider numbers until 5/23/08.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that, through May 23, 2008, they will not impose penalties on covered entities that employ contingency plans to facilitate the compliance of their trading partners. This allows the CSHCS health plan to make reasonable and diligent efforts to become compliant and to facilitate the compliance of providers enrolled in our program.

Although providers will be able to submit either their NPI or their CSHCS provider number through 5/23/08, we encourage all providers who do not yet have an NPI to visit the NPPES Web site at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>, or to call 1-800-465-3203 for additional information. When providers receive their NPI, they should forward a copy of the notification with the appropriate taxonomy codes to the CSHCS program at:

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The NPI is utilized on all claim types for either electronic or paper claims. All providers wishing to begin submitting claims electronically must complete a trading partner agreement and profile, and test with our EDI staff before submitting live transactions. Once the provider's NPI and taxonomy codes are loaded into our claims processing system, providers may begin NPI testing. Additionally, providers who already bill electronically must complete NPI testing before billing with the NPI. Providers may contact our EDI office at 317-233-8190 or 1-800-475-1355, Provider Relations Option, to schedule testing or inquire further about electronic filing.

The delay in requiring the NPI on claim submissions does not relieve the requirement for health care providers to acquire an NPI. Providers who have not yet obtained their NPI and reported their information should use this time to do so. Obtaining an NPI is easy and free. If you are a health care provider who bills a health plan for services, you need an NPI.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the CSHCS Provider Relations Unit at 1-800-475-1355.