



NEW HAMPSHIRE MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

TO: **NH Medicaid Pharmacy Providers**

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RE: National Provider Identifier (NPI) UPDATE

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This is an update to the NPI Notification dated May 18, 2007, which was sent to all New Hampshire Medicaid Pharmacy Providers.

New Hampshire Medicaid will now require the use of the prescriber's NPI as the Prescriber ID and will be monitoring for compliance.

To facilitate a smooth transition to full NPI compliance, New Hampshire Medicaid, via First Health's POS system, will temporarily accept either a prescriber's NPI or DEA number in NCPDP Field 411-DB (see specification grid below). This temporary dual acceptance period will begin June 16, 2008.

After June 16, 2008, use of the DEA as prescriber ID, is only allowed in those rare instances where a prescriber does not have an NPI.

In accordance with CMS guidance FAQ 9100, pharmacies are expected to make all reasonable efforts to obtain and utilize the individual prescriber NPI on pharmacy claims. This guidance is expected to be used **ONLY** to cover exceptions.

Pharmacies still must provide their own NPI in the Service Provider ID field.

Pharmacy providers will receive another notification once a date has been established to end the dual acceptance period.

NCPDP field	Current Value	New Value	Effective Date
Service Provider ID (NCPDP field 201-B1)	Pharmacy NPI		May 7, 2007
Service Provider ID Qualifier (NCPDP field 202-B2)	01		May 7, 2007
Prescriber ID (NCPDP field 411-DB)	DEA	Prescriber NPI	June 16, 2008
Prescriber ID Qualifier (NCPDP field 466-EZ)	12	01	June 16, 2008

Please work with your software vendors to ensure your system is ready.

If you have any questions, please call First Health at: 603-224-2083