

**Health Services  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs**



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**Subject:** Provider Announcement: National Provider Identifier (NPI) registration

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                                                                                       |
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**Message:** OMAP will mail the attached announcement and fax form about NPI registration requirements to all OMAP medical providers the week of May 15, 2006. Follow-up reminders will go out in RA stuffers every other week in June and July. All OMAP provider announcements are posted online at [http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/notices\\_providers/main.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/notices_providers/main.shtml)

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

<b>Contact(s):</b>	EDI Support Team		
<b>Phone:</b>	(503) 947-5347 or 1 (800) 422-5047 (Option 2)	<b>Fax:</b>	(503) 947-5359
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OMAP is now collecting National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) in preparation for use in DHS systems by May 23, 2007. In order to build the necessary crosswalks, **we need a record of your NPI and taxonomy code(s) by January 15, 2007.**

### Why do I need this new number?

The Administrative Simplification provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for all health care providers to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic transmission of health information.

The 10-digit NPIs were created to replace all unique numbers that have been assigned by various payers, such as OMAP's six-digit provider number.

### Where do I get an NPI?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) to assign these unique identifiers. You may apply online by following the directions on their Web site: <<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>>.

Once you receive an NPI, notify our EDI Support Team using the fax form on the reverse side of this announcement or at <<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/publications.shtml>>. Include your OMAP provider number, NPI and the taxonomy code(s) you selected.

### What taxonomy code(s) should I use?

The taxonomy code allows a single provider (individual, group, or institution) to identify their specialty category, similar to your OMAP provider type. Providers may choose more than one taxonomy code.

A provider can change taxonomy code(s) with the NPPES at any time. OMAP may recommend which Taxonomy code you need to use for continuous, uninterrupted payments in our MMIS system. We will notify you of the preferred codes as they become available.

### When will OMAP use the NPI for paying claims?

OMAP will not require the use of NPIs on claim submissions until **May 23, 2007**. If you are a small health care plan, you might be subject to a later deadline, May 23, 2008. Refer to the rules within the Federal Register to determine your individual status: <<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-1149.pdf>>. Other payers' implementation dates will vary.

### Can I Use my NPI on OMAP claims now?

OMAP will accept the NPI on electronic claim transactions, however, **you must also use your OMAP six-digit number** because our computerized systems will only recognize OMAP numbers at this time.

### What if I bill on paper?

The Department made a business decision to also require NPIs on paper claims effective May 23, 2007.

## **Register your National Provider Identifier (NPI) with OMAP**

<b>Provider name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City, State, Zip</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
<b>Tax ID</b>	<b>OMAP ID No.</b>	<b>NPI</b>
<b>Taxonomy code(s)</b>	[list up to three]	
<b>Do you submit claims electronically?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no, but I'd like to		

*Return your completed form to:*

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**Questions?**

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