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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update

*Only 10 months until the NPI compliance date!
Do you have your NPI?*

Denti-Cal providers, dental plans, and clearinghouses *must* begin 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 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 continues to be delayed pending the final approval of Manual of Criteria (MOC) regulations via the State legislative process.

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.