



HIPAA Alert

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Attention ADAMHS/ADAS/CMHS Boards, providers, associations and interested parties

Ohio Medicaid Announces National Provider Identifier (NPI) Extension

ODJFS recently [announced an extension](#) of its provider dual-identifier period deadline from December 31, 2007 to May 23, 2008. Since it is the desire of the [Behavioral Health Operations Committee](#) to be consistent with ODJFS deadlines, MACSIS will continue to accept pre-NPI claim files through May 23, 2008. However, providers should note the following:

- All providers who intend to bill claims electronically were required to obtain a Type-2 (Organization Level) National Provider Identifier (NPI) as of May 23, 2007.
- Providers are still required by CMS to have a documented contingency plan to become NPI compliant and must be actively executing that plan.
- As noted in [HIPAA Alert #25](#), ODJFS' announcement is not an extension of the federal NPI deadline of May 23, 2007, but rather a contingency plan to permit providers to show demonstrable progress towards compliance consistent with CMS' enforcement guidance.
- Medicare/Medicaid crossover providers may need to be ready to submit NPI-compliant files sooner than May 23, 2008, as determined by Ohio's Medicare Part B Carrier, [Palmetto GBA](#).

Reminder for NPI Approved Providers

The overall rate of compliance among MACSIS providers has been outstanding; however, we do have some providers who continue to bill using pre-NPI formats in the production environment even though they have been approved to submit NPI files. These providers are identified on the monthly NPI reports distributed to board representatives and members of the MACSIS NPI Workgroup. We encourage providers to make that final leap, so you do not have to worry about any future potential cash flow issues.

MACSIS Statistics (as of December 10, 2007)

Providers with NPIs: 99.1%

Providers approved for NPI claim file submission: 96.6%

Providers approved and submitting NPI claim files in production: 94.6%

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