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**TO:** DDA Providers  
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**RE:** National Provider Identifier (NPI)  
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HIPAA mandates standardization of health care data transactions, and as part of this effort, provider numbers are also being standardized to the degree possible. Under HIPAA, standardized provider numbers are called National Provider Identifiers (NPIs). Certain types of health care providers must obtain an NPI to use with their claim transactions.

**DDA providers are waiver providers and do not need to obtain NPIs to use with their claim transactions. However, as a result of implementing NPI within the Medicaid program, DDA providers will need to insert the number “5” in front of their current provider number to conform to billing system requirements.**

Please continue using your DDA exclusive “9” digit number through the close of business July 29, 2007. Beginning July 30, 2007, all claims must contain the new “10” digit provider number. Additionally, all paper claims will need to be filed on the new CMS-1500 (08/05) form.

You are encouraged to visit DHMH website <https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/emedicaid> for additional information and the latest updates.

Please contact eMedicaid at 410.767.5503 if you need additional information or assistance.