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To: Pharmacists
All Prescribers
Nursing Home Administrators
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Prescription Drug Program: 90-day Notice to Require use of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the new ProviderOne Pharmacy System as Early as May 2008.

The Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) is developing a new pharmacy Point-of-Sale (POS) system known as the ProviderOne Pharmacy System. The purpose of this memorandum is to notify pharmacists and prescribing providers that DSHS will require the use of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) when the ProviderOne Pharmacy System is implemented. The projected date for implementation is May 2008. DSHS will send out a separate memorandum to give pharmacy providers 60 days notice of when the new ProviderOne Pharmacy System will be implemented.

What is required?

Upon implementation of the new ProviderOne Pharmacy System, pharmacy providers will be required to provide the pharmacy and prescriber NPIs on all electronic prescription drug claims in the fields outlined below.

POS Field Number	Required Entry
201-B1 Service Provider ID	Pay-To NPI
202-B2 Service Provider ID Qualifier	Ø1 = NPI
411-DB Prescriber ID	Prescribing NPI
466-EZ Prescriber ID Qualifier	Ø1 = NPI

DSHS will require a provider to provide their individual NPI (Type 1) with the prescription order for a drug that is written, transmitted, called in, or faxed. DSHS strongly encourages providers to share their individual NPI (Type 1) with pharmacies as soon as possible to assist them in updating their billing systems. Providing the practitioner's individual NPI (Type 1) with the prescription drug order will allow pharmacies to submit claims to DSHS for payment. This requirement applies to all providers who write prescription orders for drugs.

The prescriber NPI must be for an individual (Type 1) rather than an organization (Type 2). The new system will not recognize Type 2 NPIs for organizations (such as hospitals) as valid prescribers.

The following are examples of how to report the practitioner’s individual NPI (Type 1) with prescription orders:

- An emergency room practitioner must report their individual NPI (Type 1), not the supervising practitioner’s NPI with a prescription order.
- Each practitioner at a teaching hospital must report their individual NPI (Type 1) with a prescription order that is submitted to the dispensing pharmacy.

If a prescribing provider does not have an NPI, the dispensing pharmacy may continue to submit the prescriber’s Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number until an individual NPI (Type 1) is obtained. DSHS will allow pharmacy providers to continue to submit a DEA number as the Prescriber ID for a period of six months from the time of ProviderOne Pharmacy System implementation if the prescriber has not yet obtained an NPI. If submitting a DEA number for a prescriber who has no Type 1 NPI, the following values will be considered valid in the fields listed below.

POS Field Number	Required Entry
201-B1 Service Provider ID	Pay-To NPI
202-B2 Service Provider ID Qualifier	Ø1 = NPI
411-DB Prescriber ID	Prescribing DEA
466-EZ Prescriber ID Qualifier	12 = DEA

Providers must apply for their NPI at:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

Pharmacy providers can look up prescribing provider’s NPI information using the National NPI Registry at:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>

Until the new ProviderOne Pharmacy System is implemented, DSHS will continue to require pharmacy providers to include the following on all prescription drug claims:

- National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) number and Prescriber DEA number; or
- Prescriber Medicaid Provider Number.

After ProviderOne is implemented, pharmacy providers will need to retain the ability to report NCPDP, DEA, and Medicaid provider numbers.

DSHS will send out a separate numbered memorandum to give pharmacy providers 60 days notice prior to the implementation of the new ProviderOne Pharmacy System. This numbered memorandum will outline key activities pharmacies should complete before the system goes live.

How can I receive updates about the new ProviderOne system?

DSHS has established an email distribution list that providers can join or leave at any time. Pharmacies can sign up on the ProviderOne Readiness Email Distribution List at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone> to ensure they receive important updates. DSHS will also continue to use the existing pharmacy fax list to update pharmacists that have given DSHS their fax numbers.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the *Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda* or *Provider Publications/Fee Schedules* link).

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