

Did You Know?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) Medicare want to ensure that you are aware of the issues that impact you. Information about the following topics is available for your reference on the WPS Medicare Website at:

<http://www.wpsmedicare.com>

Please note, all information is current as of November 14, 2006. Updates occur throughout the year. For the most up-to-date information, visit our Website.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) Resources for Providers

The Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) program has been a hot topic for 2006. To assist you and your patients with understanding more about the program, CMS has developed three new products as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) campaign for health care professionals. This helpful list of resources is available on the WPS Medicare Website at: http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/d_resource.pdf

Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP)

Save TIME and MONEY by taking advantage of FREE Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) software now available for viewing and printing the HIPAA compliant Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)! MREP software gives providers and suppliers the following abilities:

- View search and print remittance information
- Print and export reports about ERAs, including denied, adjusted, and deductible applied claims

Download MREP software at <http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/mrep.shtml>

To find out more about MREP contact our EDI Department. In IL, MI, and WI call (877) 567-7261, in MN call 952-885-2811. Take advantage of this new software and begin using MREP today!

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

What is the National Provider Identifier (NPI)? Do I need to get an NPI? When can I apply for my NPI? How do I get my NPI? When should I begin using the NPI? What are the NPI requirements? How does the NPI benefit me? Where do I find more information on the NPI?

Find the answers to these important NPI questions and more by visiting our Website today at http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/npi_resource.shtml

National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Legacy Numbers

During the Stage 2 NPI transition period of October 1, 2006, through May 22, 2007, Medicare recommends that you submit both NPIs and legacy numbers. However, Medicare will accept claims having only NPIs or legacy numbers during this period. The following may occur if you submit only an NPI on your claim:

- The claim may process and pay, or
- If Medicare systems are unable to match the incoming NPI with a legacy number, the claim may reject and you will need to resubmit with the appropriate legacy number.

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