



**Connecticut Department of Social Services
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Provider Bulletin**

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TO: Pharmacy Providers, Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Dental Providers, Optometrists, Podiatrists, Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Clinics and MCO's

SUBJECT: National Provider Identifier (NPI) Prescriber Requirement Temporary Extension Period for Pharmacy Claim Submission

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Electronic Data Systems (EDS) will extend the deadline to mandate submission of the prescribing provider's NPI in pharmacy claim submissions. This extension is provided to allow pharmacies to make necessary application and software updates to accommodate this submission, as well as update their prescriber files to include the NPI.

All pharmacy claims received on or after February 12, 2008, **must** contain the NPI of the prescribing provider. Please note, with the implementation of this requirement, neither the DEA number nor the Medicaid Provider ID number will be accepted as valid values in the prescriber ID number field. Pharmacy claims received on or after the aforementioned date without the NPI identifying the prescriber will be denied with message code 8326 – "*NPI number required for Prescriber ID*".

During this temporary extension period, EDS will continue to process pharmacy claims submitted with DEA number or Medicaid provider ID number in the prescriber ID number field.

Complete billing instructions as it relates to NPI prescriber are outlined in provider bulletin PB 2007-68. The provider bulletin may be found in its entirety on the Connecticut Medical Assistance program Web site at: www.ctmedicalprogram.com. From the home page click on Publications → Bulletins.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at www.ctmedicalprogram.com.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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