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MEMORANDUM

TO: **All Pharmacies**
FROM: First Health Services
DATE: April 24, 2007

RE: NPI Required on Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up Claims May 23, 2007

The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) will require pharmacy providers to report the pharmacy's National Provider Identifier (NPI) on Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up claims received at First Health Services on and after May 23, 2007. Please contact your software vendor to ensure preparations are complete for NPI compliance.

Transaction instructions: The NPI of the pharmacy is to be entered in Field 201-B1 of the NCPDP version 5.1 transaction. Please note this is not the individual pharmacist's NPI. Currently Nevada Medicaid does not utilize the individual pharmacist's NPI. Also effective with the implementation of NPI, "01" must be entered in Field 202-B2 for Service Provider ID Qualifier, instead of "07."

Providers must report their NPI to First Health Services as soon as possible. To report your NPI to First Health Services, complete and mail the Provider Information Change Form (FH-33) posted at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> (select "Forms" from the "Providers" menu). According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), once providers have received their NPI, they should share it with other providers with whom they do business and with health plans that request their NPI. Providers can apply for an NPI online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or can call the NPI enumerator to request a paper application at (800) 465-3203.

Until further notice, the DHCFP will allow pharmacies to use either the prescriber's NPI or the prescriber's Provider Medicaid Number in the appropriate fields of the NCPDP version 5.1 transaction. The Nevada Medicaid website lists Provider Medicaid Numbers for prescribers at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> (select "Prescriber List" from the "Pharmacy" menu).

Transaction instructions: If the prescriber's NPI is entered in Field 411-DB for Prescriber ID on the NCPDP version 5.1 transaction, please enter "01" in Field 466-EZ for Prescriber ID Qualifier. If the prescriber's Provider Medicaid Number is entered in Field 411-DB, please enter "05" in Field 466-EZ.

Ultimately, only the prescriber's NPI will be allowed. Providers will be notified when Provider Medicaid Numbers are no longer valid for use and NPI must be used.

DHCFP and First Health Services strongly encourage providers to begin using NPI for both pharmacy and prescriber IDs immediately to ensure smooth transition to full implementation of NPI. First Health Services will be running utilization reports to identify pharmacies that are utilizing Provider Medicaid Numbers. These pharmacies may be contacted by First Health Services with a reminder to obtain NPI from prescribers and begin using NPI only for prescriber IDs.

Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up Specifications for NCPDP version 5.1 and Batch 1.1 are posted at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> (select “Billing Information” from the “Pharmacy” menu).

For more information regarding submitting Point of Sale (POS) claims, please call First Health Services’ Technical Call Center at (800) 884-3238.

The DHCFP and First Health Services thank you for your cooperation.