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Pharmacy Announcement

NPI Required for Prescriber ID Beginning May 23, 2008

Pharmacy providers will be required to use the prescriber's National Provider Identifier (NPI) instead of the prescriber's Provider Medicaid Number/legacy number when entering the prescriber's ID on claims received at First Health Services on and after May 23, 2008. Prescriber "dummy" identification numbers used in the past will no longer be accepted on claims received at First Health Services on and after May 23, 2008.

Please ask the provider for the appropriate NPI. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published the NPI Registry, which Pharmacy providers may access to look up a prescriber's NPI. A link to the NPI Registry is posted on this website (at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> select "Prescriber List" from the "Pharmacy" menu).

Please contact your software vendor or your corporate compliance department regarding NPI readiness.



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