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CMS to Publish NPI Registry

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to make publicly available National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) provider data on Aug. 1, 2007. Covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and others will be able to access NPPES provider data that is required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

CMS is asking providers to review their submitted information paying particular attention to data elements that CMS will be publicly disclosing. Some providers furnished "optional" data when they registered for their National Provider Identifier (NPI); that is, information that was not required to be furnished in order to apply for an NPI. Providers have an opportunity to delete this optional information now, before it is disseminated by CMS.

CMS will make FOIA-disclosable data available on the Internet in a downloadable file (with monthly update files) and in a query-only database (the NPI Registry). Once the list is published, a link to the list will be provided from the First Health Services website. Pharmacies may utiltze the list to determine the correct National Provider Identifier (NPI) for prescribing physicians. Currently, pharmacists use the Nevada Prescriber List posted by First Health Services (see "Prescriber List" under the "Pharmacy" menu at https://medicaid.nv.gov) to identify prescribing physicians.

For the latest information on Data Dissemination, as well as a list of the FOIA disclosable data elements, visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand /06a_DataDissemination.asp on the NPI website.

Providers are encouraged to update their information by going to: https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov. Alternatively, providers may submit updates on the CMS-10114 NPI Application/Update Form. For a copy of the form, call the NPI enumerator at (800) 465-3203 or download the revised form at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/Announcement_for_ Revised_NPI_Application_form.pdf.