



The May 23rd Deadline Approaching

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), which was enacted on August 21, 1996, required the adoption and use of a standard unique identifier for health care providers. Prior to now, each provider or health care services as well as insurance carrier plans had a myriad of provider numbers to communicate to each other. Each of our clients are well aware of just how complicated the credentialing process is by the varying provider applications needing to be completed. Each of the applications served to apply for a separate provider number assigned to your department by that particular insurance carrier.

As a result of attempting to simplify this process, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) was developed. Unfortunately, the NPI process will not limit the amount of paperwork needing to be completed. The NPI number only serves to create one provider number to be shared between you the provider and the insurance carriers. We have applied for each of our client's NPI numbers and are sharing these numbers with each of the contracted carriers for your department.

On May 23rd all communication between MBI Solutions to Medicare, Medicaid and all other insurance carriers will be required to use your unique NPI number.

MBI Solutions will be mailing NPI notifications to each of our client departments during the first week of April. Please look for your letter in the mail and keep this letter for your records. Also, if you do receive a request from any insurance carrier for your NPI number please forward that request to MBI Solutions. Our credentialing department will be happy to complete the paperwork and forward it back to the insurance carrier.

To read more about NPI process please visit:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/Downloads/NPIfinalrule.pdf>