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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Pharmacies

NPI-Only Requirement for Pharmacies

Based on information obtained at a recent CMS roundtable discussion, Medicare stated they would not require NPI-only for pharmacy claims until May 23, 2008. Therefore, Montana will follow Medicare and will not require the NPI-only to be used on pharmacy claims as had been planned for claims received March 1, 2008.

Pharmacies may bill pharmacy claims to Montana's Healthcare Programs with an NABP number or NPI until May 23, 2008. At that time, pharmacy claims received at ACS must have NPI only. Pharmacies may continue to use the prescriber's DEA number or NPI in the prescriber ID field as well.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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