

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Trading Partner (TP) Testing Plan

NPI Interim Solution – Nebraska Medicaid

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Testing Requirements:

1. Must have 20 to 25 claims per test file.
2. Must submit at least 2 successful test files.
3. If you submit claims for more than one provider, the file must contain claims for more than one provider but it does not need to contain a claim for every provider.
4. Trading Partners (TP's) currently in production, or currently testing, will not need to reenroll or sign a new TP agreement. New TP's that have never enrolled will need to contact the EDI Help Desk to complete the enrollment process and complete the TP agreement.
5. All TP's must contact the EDI Help Desk before submitting a test file so that they can be set up for NPI testing. Phone: 866-498-4357 (HELP) or 402 471-9461 (Lincoln). EDI email: Medicaid.edi@hhs.ne.gov
6. If the Trading Partner normally submits the following loops, we would expect TP's to submit NPI test data for those loops :
 - For 837I transactions:
 - 2010AA Billing Provider
 - 2310A Attending Physician
 - 2310B Operating Physician
 - 2310C Other Provider
 - For 837P transactions:
 - 2010AA Billing Provider
 - 2310A Referring Provider
 - 2310B Rendering Provider
 - For 837D transactions:
 - 2010AA Billing Provider
 - 2310B Rendering Provider

Claim Processing:

- There will be no validation on the NPI other than simple edit checks (10 digit and all numerical).
- If a TP sends us a NPI that is not in compliance with our simple edit check, the claim will not reject but the NPI will not be saved on our database, and therefore will not be returned to the TP on the 835.
- Will use Legacy ID, and not NPI, to adjudicate claim.
- An invalid Legacy ID, lack of Legacy ID, or a Legacy ID submitted in the inappropriate loop, will cause the claim to reject.

Communicating Requirements to the Trading Partners:

- Requirements can be reviewed during a conference call with the TP if requested.
- EDI Help Desk alerts/notices will be sent to providers advising of Medicaid readiness to test.
- X12 Submission Guide has been updated with NPI test requirements.

Nebraska Companion Guide(s) for the 837I, 837D, and 837P have been updated and are available on the HHSS website. <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/med/edindex.htm>

Requirements added to the HHSS web site under EDI section. <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/med/NPI.htm>

Initiating TP Testing:

- NPI Trading Partner testing can begin once system testing is completed.

TP Testing Timeframes (For NPI Interim Solution only):

Activity	Dates
Claims may reject in Production with NPI	Current date – October 1, 2006
NPI System Testing	June 12, 2006 – June 24, 2006
NPI Testing – designated TP's	June 26, 2006 – July 14, 2006
NPI Testing with all TP's who are ready	July 17, 2006 - ongoing
NPI accepted in Production from TP's who have completed testing	July 17, 2006

NPI Nebraska Medicaid Implementation Strategy:

NE Medicaid is in the process of procuring a new NPI compliant Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) claims processing system. This system will not be implemented prior to the May 23, 2007, NPI implementation date. Consequently, Nebraska's NPI interim solution is to be able to accept the NPI, and to continue to require the Medicaid legacy identifiers in the 837 transactions to process claims and make payment for Non-Medicare claims.

Nebraska Medicaid expects to be able to accept the NPI prior to 5/23/2007, but does not plan to be fully compliant until the new MMIS is installed.

Until the installation of an NPI compliant MMIS, only the 837I, 837P, 837D and 835 will accept or send the NPI, along with legacy identifiers. Changes to all other transactions are not planned at this time.