

February 10, 2006

RE: NPI Informational Error Messages

Dear Provider/Vendor/Clearinghouse,

As of January 1, 2006 Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) has been accepting 837 EDI transactions submitted with a National Provider Identifier (NPI) as long as the legacy provider number was also reported.

By February 1, 2006, if you report an invalid NPI for WPS Commercial insurance, TRICARE West Region or TRICARE Overseas, your Batch Detail Control Listing Reports from WPS will contain NPI informational error messages. A sample Batch Detail Control Listing report is enclosed to show an example NPI informational message. These messages are informational only at this time and will not cause a rejection.

The informational messages and descriptions for institutional and professional claims are as follows:

Professional and Institutional Claims

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Informational Message</u>	<u>Description</u>
2010/AA NM109	INFO ONLY- NPI INVALID	NPI must be numeric with 10 digits.
2010/AA NM109	INFO ONLY-NPI FAILED ALGORITHM	NPI failed algorithm (LUHN).

Professional Claims Only

2310/D N301	INFO ONLY –PHYSICAL ADDRESS REQUIRED	A physical address is required when a billing address is used in billing provider loop 2010AA N301.
2310/D N301	INFO ONLY- SERVICE FACILITY LOOP REQUIRED	Per the 837 implementation guide, this loop is required when the location of health care service is different than that carried in the 2010AA or 2010AB loops.

Institutional Claims Only

2310/E N301	INFO ONLY – PHYSICAL ADDRESS REQUIRED	A physical address is required when a billing address is used in billing provider loop 2010AA N301.
2310/E N301	INFO ONLY – SERVICE LOOP REQUIRED	Per implementation guide, this loop is required when the location of health care service is different that that carried in the 2010AA or 2010AB loops.

It is important you are aware that the information messages listed above could become claim denial messages once NPI is fully implemented. At this time, the anticipated NPI requirement date is scheduled for May 23, 2007.

Whenever the NPI is reported you are required to report your tax ID number as a secondary identification number in loop 2010AA. Below is the rejection message you will receive if a tax ID number is not given in conjunction with the NPI.

The following is an actual batch/claim rejection message.

Professional and Institutional Claims

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Description</u>
2010/AAREF 00	REF01= EI REQUIRED WHEN NM108 = XX	Implementation guide edit: If NM108 contains an XX qualifier a tax id is required in REF segment EI, billing provider loop 2010AA.

WPS will be sending you additional correspondence in the future related to NPI and your EDI transactions.

You should continue to refer to the WPS website, www.wpsic.com, for historical and updated EDI and NPI information.

Please contact us at (800) 782-2680 option #2 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

WPS Electronic Data Services

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