

DUAL USE STRATEGY FOR THE 837 PROFESSIONAL TRANSACTION

What is the purpose of Dual Use Strategy?

Dual Use Strategy is the voluntary transitional use of both National Provider Identifier (NPI) and legacy identifiers in HIPAA X12 837 Professional transaction. The goal of Dual Use Strategy is to make the NPI transition easier within the health care industry. Dual Use Strategy will ease implementation without phase delays and extended bilateral testing and conversion.

Legacy Identifier

Any identifier payers previously used to identify a provider as a health care provider prior to NPI (e.g. Medicare provider identification number, TRICARE provider identification number, private health care insurance provider identification number) is referred to as a "Legacy Identifier." After the compliance date, NPI must be used to identify a provider in health care standard transactions.

When used to identify the provider as a health care provider on standard transactions, Federal Tax ID is considered a legacy identifier. It is not, however, considered a legacy identifier when used to identify the provider as a taxpayer for IRS reporting.

This document provides information on use of legacy identifiers with NPI during the dual use period.

The Dual Use Strategy is transitional. Use the strategy between now and the NPI compliance date of May 23, 2007 (2008 for small health plans). Do not use the Dual Use Strategy after the compliance date. After the compliance date, HIPAA laws mandate the use of NPI to identify a provider, and the use of legacy identifiers is not permissible. Continued use of Tax IDs is acceptable where required for reporting to the IRS.

837 Professional Health Care Claim

The following table specifies the use of NPI and Legacy identifiers on a standard 837 Professional Health Care Claim during the transition. The table only lists provider entries that will employ the NPI. All the additional or secondary identifier entries are within a repeated loop. The legacy identifier may be any iteration in the loop.

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Loop	Data Element	Industry Name	Content
2010AA		BILLING PROVIDER NAME	
	NM109 NPI	Billing Provider Identifier	
	REF02	Billing Provider Additional Identifier	Tax ID
	REF02	Billing Provider Additional Identifier	Legacy
2010AB		PAY-TO PROVIDER NAME	
	NM109	Pay-To Provider Identifier	NPI
	REF02	Pay-To Provider Additional Identifier	Tax ID
	REF02	Pay-To Provider Additional Identifier	Legacy
Loop 2310A		REFERRING PROVIDER NAME	
	NM109	Referring provider Primary Identifier	NPI
	REF02	Referring provider Secondary Identifier	Legacy

2310B	NM109	RENDERING PROVIDER NAME	
	REF02	Rendering provider Primary Identifier	NPI
2310C	NM109	PURCHASED SERVICE PROVIDER NAME	
	REF02	Purchased service Provider Primary Identifier	NPI
2310D	NM109	SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION	
	REF02	Laboratory or Facility Primary Identifier	NPI
2310E	NM109	SUPERVISING PROVIDER NAME	
	REF02	Supervising Provider Primary Identifier	NPI
2420A	NM109	RENDERING PROVIDER NAME	
	REF02	Rendering provider Primary Identifier	NPI
2420B	NM109	PURCHASED SERVICE PROVIDER NAME	
	REF02	Purchased service provider Primary Identifier	NPI
2420C	NM109	SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION	
	REF02	Laboratory or Facility Primary Identifier	NPI
2420D	NM109	SUPERVISING PROVIDER NAME	
	REF02	Supervising Provider Identifier	NPI
		Supervising Provider Secondary Identifier	Legacy