



Following Up on National Provider Identifier (NPI) Key Items

Now that NPI-only submission is upon us, we want to remind you of important NPI key information for our valued UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, Inc. (UniCare) providers.

Taxonomy Helps Insurance Claims Payment Accuracy

When you submit claims with NPI, also include your taxonomy code. By entering the NPI *and* taxonomy code qualifiers correctly, you help to ensure that your payments will be paid timely and accurately.

Completing the CMS-1450 and CMS-1500 Paper Claim Forms

The NPI requirement effective May 24, 2008, impacts *all* claim transactions, both electronic and paper. Please complete the CMS-1450 (UB-04) claim form and the CMS-1500 (last revised 08-05) claim form with all necessary NPI and taxonomy information to ensure that your claims payments are paid on time and in full.

UniCare requires providers to file paper claims with NPIs in lieu of the legacy ID for consistency in claims filing. We remind you that for claims payment accuracy, you should bill with the most appropriate NPI number assigned to you.

On CMS-1450 (UB-04) claim forms, enter:

- Federal Tax Number in Box 5
- The facility NPI in Box 56
- Taxonomy codes and qualifiers in Box 81 (a-d)

On CMS-1500 (08-05) claim forms, enter:

- Rendering Taxonomy code qualifier in Box 24I
- Rendering Taxonomy code in the shaded field of Box 24J
- Rendering provider NPI in the unshaded field of Box 24J
- Federal Tax ID Number (SSN/EIN) in Box 25
- Service facility NPI in Box 32A, if appropriate
- Billing provider NPI in Box 33A
- Billing Taxonomy code and qualifier in Box 33B

To verify your NPI number assignment, use the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) website at www.nppes.cms.hhs.gov.

Finding Key NPI Information

UniCare has a dedicated website specifically for providers and State Sponsored Business. To find provider resources, including information about NPI, go to www.unicare.com, choose **Providers** on the left side of the screen, and then click **State Sponsored Plans** under **Learn More**. At the next screen, select **Kansas HealthWave 19 and 21**. You'll find key information on this web page, including the latest about NPI. Key NPI information includes the 837 Professional Enumeration and Contract Chart, the 837 Institutional Enumeration and Contractual Charts for electronic claims, and our March 2008 provider bulletin on how to successfully submit claims.