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RE: National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Dear Executive Director:

This letter provides information on the use of the National Provider Identifier (NPI), a new federal mandate that impacts the Medicaid claiming of certain OMRDD services within the New York State Medicaid System (eMedNY). This letter provides basic information about NPI and discusses which OMRDD services will be affected. The NPI requirements are effective on May 23, 2007.

Background

Use of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a new federal mandate coming from the administrative simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. To implement NPI, a federal contractor is issuing new identification numbers to all health care providers. These new NPI numbers will replace the current identification numbers and codes issued by each separate health care payor (Medicare, Medicaid, commercial insurance plans, etc.). Electronic health care transactions submitted on or after the implementation date of May 23, 2007 must use NPI's.

Not All OMRDD Medicaid Services Will Be Affected

As noted above, only "health care" services are directly affected by the new federal mandate to use NPI's. Some OMRDD services fall under HIPAA's definition of a "health care" service, others do not. The chart on the following page indicates which OMRDD services are considered health care and will be claimed using NPI's, and which OMRDD services are not considered health care and will continue to be claimed using Medicaid provider ID's and location codes as they are today.

| OMRDD Services Health Care vs. Non-Health Care | |
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| Health Care Services (NPI's Required Beginning 5/23/07) | Non-Health Care Services (Continue Using Medicaid Provider ID's) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 16 Clinic • Day Treatment • Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) • Specialty Hospital • Care At Home Case Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) • <u>All OMRDD HCBS Waiver Services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Residence (CR) Residential Habilitation ○ Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) Residential Habilitation ○ Family Care Residential Habilitation ○ At-Home Residential Habilitation ○ Day Habilitation ○ Pre-Vocational Services ○ Supported Employment ○ Family Education and Training ○ Plan of Care Support Services ○ Consolidated Supports and Services ○ Hourly Respite ○ Freestanding Respite |

According to our records, in the last two years your agency has billed only OMRDD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver services and/or Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) services. **Therefore, it appears that your OMRDD programs will not be affected by the new NPI mandate. Please do not request NPI's for OMRDD HCBS Waiver and MSC services. NPI's will not be accepted by eMedNY for these services.** You must continue to bill OMRDD HCBS Waiver and MSC services using traditional Medicaid Provider ID's and Location Codes, as you do today.

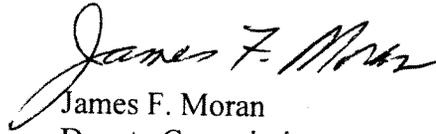
If your agency currently delivers any Article 16 clinic, day treatment, ICF, specialty hospital, or care at home case management services –or if you intend to begin delivering such services in the near future-- please contact Ms. Christina Blais of my staff as soon as possible. She will provide you with a much longer letter containing detailed information and guidance on how to prepare for the NPI mandate and how to request NPI's for OMRDD health care programs. Ms. Blais may be reached at (518) 402-4333.

If you deliver Medicaid services overseen or certified by another New York State agency (e.g., Department of Health, Office of Mental Health, etc.), please watch for future correspondence

pertaining to those programs from DOH and/or the certifying or oversight agency. DOH's Medicaid Update publication is a particularly good resource. Unfortunately, OMRDD cannot provide NPI guidance on non-OMRDD programs.

If you have questions on the implementation of the NPI mandates, please contact either Eric Harris or Karla Smith, of my staff, at (518) 402-4333.

Sincerely,



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