



STATE OF TENNESSEE
BUREAU OF TENNCARE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

This notice is to advise you of information regarding the *TennCare Pharmacy Program*.

**Please forward the information in this notice to all providers
who may be affected by these processing changes.**

Effective **April 24, 2007**, TennCare will begin the **transition to the National Provider Identifier (NPI)** requirement for identification of the dispensing pharmacy on pharmacy claims. Pharmacy Services providers are encouraged to take appropriate steps **now** to ensure a satisfactory transition to the **NPI requirement date of May 23, 2007**.

Beginning April 24, 2007, Pharmacy Services providers should submit the pharmacy's NPI in the Service Provider ID field (NCPDP field number 201-B1) on all pharmacy claims. When submitting claims using the NPI, Pharmacy Service Providers are reminded to use the Service Provider ID Qualifier of '01' (NCPDP field number 202-B2). Use of any other value in that field will cause the claim to deny. Providers continuing to submit the NABP/NCPDP during this transition period should submit a value of '05' in the Service Provider ID Qualifier field.

Although the NABP/NCPDP number will remain acceptable as the provider ID during the transition period, Pharmacy Service Providers should begin submitting the pharmacy's NPI on April 24, 2007, instead of the NABP/NCPDP number. This transition period (April 24, 2007 through May 22, 2007) has been devised to allow TennCare Pharmacy Service Providers sufficient time to apply all necessary NPI-associated software updates to point-of-sale (POS) systems prior to the NPI requirement date of May 23, 2007.

Effective May 23, 2007, providers will be required to submit only the pharmacy's NPI (NOT the NABP/NCPDP number) in the Service Provider ID field and the appropriate Service Provider ID Qualifier. Pharmacy claims with adjudication dates on or after May 23, 2007, **will reject** if the service provider's NPI is not submitted. No overrides will be allowed for claims submitted without a valid NPI.

The DEA Number will continue to be submitted as the Prescriber ID (NCPDP field 411-DB) with the Qualifier value of "12" (NCPDP field 466-EZ) until further notice from TennCare.

Please contact your software vendor immediately in order to ensure that you will be able to submit your claims without interruption.

Affected NCPDP Fields

NCPDP field	Current Value	New Value	Effective Date
Service Provider ID (NCPDP field 201-B1)	NABP/NCPDP ID	NPI	April 24, 2007
Service Provider ID Qualifier (NCPDP field 202-B2)	05	01	April 24, 2007
Prescriber ID (NCPDP field 411-DB)	DEA	DEA (No change)	N/A
Prescriber ID Qualifier (NCPDP field 466-EZ)	12	12 (No change)	N/A