



## Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Measures and Specifications

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that the 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Quality Measures and Specifications are now available. To access both the measures and measure specifications documents, visit the PQRI web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website. Once there, go to the Measures/Codes section of the page and scroll down to the Downloads section. **Please note that many of the quality codes are new and will be rejected by Medicare claims processing systems prior to the July 1, 2007 HCPCS update.**

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Implementation Date for DME suppliers: July 2, 2007.

Implementation Date for other providers: April 7, 2008

## **Stage 3 National Provider Identifier (NPI) Changes for Transaction 835, and Standard Paper Remittance Advice (RA)**

Note: This article was revised on September 21, 2007, to reflect a change made to the implementation dates in CR5452. For DME suppliers billing DME MACs, the implementation date remains the same. For other providers who bill Medicare carriers, fiscal intermediaries, including Regional Home Health Intermediaries, and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), the implementation date is now April 7, 2008. The CR transmittal date, number, and Web address for accessing CR5452 were also changed. All other information remains the same.

### **Provider Types Affected**

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who conduct Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standard transactions, such as claims and eligibility inquiries, with Medicare.

### **Provider Action Needed**



#### **STOP – Impact to You**

Be aware that Stage 3 of the NPI implementation is nearing. This article discusses impact of the NPI Stage 3 implementation on remittance advice transactions.

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**CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

Make sure you have your NPI, know how to use it, and are prepared to receive it back in your remittance advice processes.

**GO – What You Need to Do**

Read the remainder of this article and be sure your staff are aware of how the NPI implementation impacts the remittance advice transactions you receive.

## Background

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This article discusses Stage 3 of Medicare’s fee-for-service (FFS) processes for the NPI and reflects Medicare processing of claims submitted with NPIs. Submitted NPIs will be crosswalked to the Medicare legacy number(s) for processing. Medicare’s internal provider files will continue to be based upon records established in relation to the legacy identifiers. The crosswalk may result in:

<b>Scenario I</b>	Single NPI	Cross walked to	Single Medicare legacy number
<b>Scenario II</b>	Multiple NPIs	Cross walked to	Single Medicare legacy number
<b>Scenario III</b>	Single NPI	Cross walked to	Multiple Medicare legacy numbers

CMS will adjudicate Medicare FFS claims based upon a unique NPI/Legacy combination for Scenarios II and III, but the remittance advice, both electronic and paper, and any output using PC Print or Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) will have only NPI as the primary provider identification. The TIN will be used as the secondary identifier for the Payee. The NPI regulation permits continued use of Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for tax purposes if the implementation guide allows it.

The Companion Documents and Flat Files for both Part A and B will be updated to reflect these changes and the updated documents will be posted at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/11\\_Remittance.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/11_Remittance.asp#TopOfPage) on the CMS website.

The following three scenarios refer to Medicare reporting of NPIs in remittance advice processes.

**Note that current requirements concerning the reporting of provider names and addresses still apply.**

***Scenario I – Single NPI cross walked to single legacy number:***

- **Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)** - Under this scenario, Medicare will report the NPI at the Payee level as the Payee primary ID, and the TIN

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(Employer Identification Number (EIN) Social Security Number (SSN) (EIN/SSN)) in the REF segment as Payee Additional ID. Medicare will report any relevant Rendering Provider NPI at the claim level if different from the Payee NPI. A/B MACs, carriers, DME MACs, and DMERCs, as appropriate, will also report relevant Rendering NPI(s) at the service line level if different from the claim level Rendering Provider NPI. Under this scenario, there will be one remittance advice, and one check/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) per NPI.

- **Standard Paper Remittance (SPR)** - Medicare will insert the appropriate Payee NPI at the header level. The ERA reporting requirements apply to the corresponding SPR fields. See above for additional note.
- **PC Print Software** - Medicare will show the Payee NPI at the header level and add the relevant Rendering Provider NPI at the claim level if different from the Payee NPI.
- **MREP Software** - Medicare will show the Payee NPI at the header level and add any relevant Rendering Provider NPI at the claim level if different from the Payee NPI, and any relevant Rendering NPI(s) at the service line level if different from the claim level Rendering Provider NPI.

***Scenario II: Multiple NPIs cross walked to Single Medicare legacy number:***

- **ERA** - Under this scenario, Medicare will report the NPI at the Payee level as the Payee primary ID, and the TIN (EIN/SSN) in the REF segment as Payee Additional ID. Then add any relevant Rendering Provider NPI at the claim level if different from the Payee NPI. A/B MACs, carriers, DME MACs, and DMERCs, as appropriate, will add any relevant Rendering NPI(s) at the service line level if different from the claim level Rendering Provider NPI. Under this scenario, adjudication will be based on the unique combination of NPI/legacy number, and there would be multiple remittance advices, checks and/or EFTs based on that unique combination.
- **SPR** - Medicare will insert the appropriate NPI number at the header level. The ERA reporting requirements apply to the corresponding SPR fields. See above for additional note.
- **PC Print Software** - Same as Scenario I.
- **MREP Software** - Same as Scenario I.

***Scenario III: Single NPI cross walked to Multiple Medicare legacy numbers:***

- **ERA** - Under this scenario, Medicare will report the NPI at the Payee level as the Payee primary ID, and the TIN (EIN/SSN) in the REF segment as Payee

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- **SPR** - Insert the appropriate NPI number at the header level. The ERA reporting requirements apply to the corresponding SPR fields. See above for additional notes.
- **PC Print Software** - Same as Scenario I.
- **MREP Software** - Same as Scenario I.

## Implementation

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While these changes are effective for dates of service on or after July 2, 2007, the changes will be implemented as follows:

- For claims submitted to DMERCs and/or DME MACs, the changes will be implemented on July 1, 2007.
- For claims submitted to other Medicare contractors, the implementation will occur on **April 7, 2008**.

## Additional Information

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If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier, FI, Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC), durable medical equipment regional carrier (DMERC), DME/MAC, and/or regional home health intermediary (RHHI), at their toll-free number which may be found at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

For complete details regarding this Change Request (CR) please see the official instruction (CR5452) issued to your Medicare FI, RHHI, DMERC, DME/MAC, or A/B MAC. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1343CP.pdf> on the CMS web site. The revised sections of Chapter 22—Remittance Advice of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* are attached to CR5452.

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