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NPI News from CMS: National NPI Roundtable Scheduled for Feb. 6, 2008

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a National Provider Identifier (NPI) Roundtable from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. PT on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008. This call will focus on the status of the Medicare implementation of NPI and a related question-and-answer session. Registration details will be posted at www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand (select “CMS Communications” from the left-side menu).

Urgent Reminder: Test Your Medicare Claims Now!

After Medicare providers have submitted claims containing both NPIs and legacy identifiers and those claims have been paid, Medicare urges these providers to send a small batch of claims now with only the NPI in the primary provider fields. If the results are positive, begin increasing the number of claims in the batch.

(Reminder: For institutional claims, the primary provider fields are the billing and pay-to provider fields. For professional claims, the primary provider fields are the billing, pay-to and rendering provider fields. If the pay-to provider is the same as the billing provider, the pay-to provider does not need to be identified.)

Need More Information?

As always, more information and education on NPI can be found through the CMS NPI webpage at www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand on the CMS website. Providers can apply for an NPI online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or can call the NPI enumerator to request a paper application at 1-800-465-3203.

