

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid
To : All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

HIPAA-Compliant Data, Including National Provider Identifiers, Required for All Fields on Claims

This *ForwardHealth Update* provides important information on ForwardHealth interChange requirements for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant data on paper and 837 Health Care Claim (837) transactions.

In the current system, HIPAA-compliant data is only required on monitored fields on paper and 837 transactions that are required for claims processing.

After implementation of ForwardHealth interChange, all fields submitted on paper and electronic claims will be edited to ensure HIPAA compliance before being processed. Compliant code sets include *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes entered into all fields including those fields that are “Not Required” or “Optional.”

If the information in all fields are not valid and recognized by ForwardHealth, the claim will be denied.

National Provider Identifier Required

With implementation of ForwardHealth interChange, National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required for all provider number fields on paper claims and 837

transactions, including rendering, billing, referring, attending, and “Other” provider fields. After implementation, ForwardHealth will no longer accept other provider identifiers, such as Medicaid provider numbers and Universal Provider Identification Numbers (UPIN).

This change is being made to comply with federal HIPAA standards and NPI regulations.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

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