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NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) FOR A SERVICE FACILITY

Does the “requirement” to indicate the service facility’s NPI on your Medicare claim submissions confuse you? You are not alone.

Claim form instructions in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Internet-Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-04, Chapter 26, Section 10.4, state the following for item 32A:

Item 32A Form CMS-1500 (08-05) – Enter the NPI of the service facility as soon as it is available. The NPI may be reported on the Form CMS-1500 (08-05) as early as January 1, 2007, and must be reported May 23, 2007, and later.

CMS defines a service facility as a hospital, clinic, laboratory, or facility other than the patient’s home or physician’s office.

CMS recently clarified that although you are *not required* to submit a service facility NPI in item 32A, it must be an NPI if you choose to enter a service facility identifier on any Form CMS-1500 submitted on or after May 23, 2008.

You can view CMS Publication 100-04 at the following CMS Website address:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c26.pdf>