

# Provider

# Alert



**Subject: Important Reminder: Prescriber NPI Required for Pharmacy Claims Beginning May 23, 2008**

**From:** Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage

**Sent:** May 23, 2008

**To:** Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Prescribers

**Provider Types Affected:**

Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Prescribers

**Background:**

On May 23, 2008, all HIPAA-covered entities (including pharmacies, pharmacists, and prescribers) must use their National Provider Identifier (NPI) on all HIPAA transactions. These transactions include Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) and pharmacy claims. As a result, pharmacies must include the prescriber NPI on each pharmacy claim.

**Provider Action Needed:**

Please cooperate with pharmacy inquiries regarding your NPI to prevent delayed processing of prescription medications for members.

Please share this important information with appropriate staff in your organization. You may refer to the following web site to verify your NPI:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>

**Questions:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502)-585-7943.

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