



October 6, 2008

Subject: National Provider Identifier (NPI) – Final Implementation Date

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

This notice serves as a final reminder that submission of the prescriber's NPI on all pharmacy prescription claims is mandated for Kentucky Medicaid patients (see grid below).

Effective 10/27/2008, a valid prescriber NPI will be mandated in NCPDP Field 411-DB. Claims received not containing a valid NPI will deny. There will be no call center override for this denial.

To search for a provider NPI, go to the NPES web site at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do> and click on "Search the NPI Registry".

First Health is currently returning a message on all claims submitted without the prescriber NPI. If you are receiving the message "*Mandatory: Submit all claims using prescriber NPI*", then First Health is not receiving a valid prescriber NPI.

Please work with your software vendors to ensure your system will be ready.

<b>NCPDP field</b>	<b>Current Value</b>	<b>New Value</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Prescriber ID (NCPDP field 411-DB)	State License Number	Prescriber NPI	October 27, 2008
Prescriber ID Qualifier (NCPDP field 466-EZ)	08	01	October 27, 2008

If you have any questions, please call First Health at: 502-607-8410