



NPI & REVISED PAPER CLAIM FORMS FAQ's

1. When will the use of the CMS 1500 (version 08/2005) Professional Healthcare Claim Form be required?

The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) recommends a transition beginning October 1, 2006 through April 2, 2007 for physicians and other health care professionals. To learn more about the CMS 1500 (version 08/2005), simply visit and access the NUCC website at <http://www.nucc.org>

2. When will the UB04 Institutional Healthcare Claim form be required?

The National Uniform billing Committee (NUBC) recommends a transition beginning April 1, 2007 through May 23, 2007. To learn more about the UB-04, simply visit and access the NUBC website at <http://www.nubc.org>

3. What are the major changes providers can expect on the new claim forms?

The major changes to both forms include the addition of the National Provider Indicator (NPI) fields.

4. Can I still use the old forms after the transition period? If I do, will you return them?

At the completion of the transition period form CMS-1500 (version 08/2005) and UB-04, providers are encouraged to only use the current forms to minimize any claims payment disruption.

5. After May 23, 2007, if I do not use the new forms and enter the NPI on the claim form, will they be rejected?

The use of the NPI on the CMS-1500 (version 08/2005) and UB-04 claim forms further minimizes any disruption of claims processing and payment.

6. What is the earliest these forms can be submitted?

San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP) will begin accepting the CMS-1500 (version 08/2005) beginning October 1, 2006 and UB-04 forms beginning April 1, 2007 as long as the current provider identifier number accompanies the National Provider Indicator (NPI).

7. Where will the NPI be located on the new claim forms?

CMS-1500 (Version 08/2005)

Box/Field 17b for referring provider
Box/Field 24 for rendering provider
Box/Field 32a for service location
Box/Field 33a for billing location

UB-04

Box/Field 56 for facility
Box/Field 76 for attending physician
Box/Field 77 for operating physician
Box/Field 78 and 79 for other provider types