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RE:	<b>Prescriber NPI Required on Pharmacy Claims</b>		

**Background: CMS Guidance For NPI Effective May 23, 2008**

Effective May 23, 2008, all HIPAA-covered entities (including pharmacies, pharmacists, and prescribers) must use the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on all HIPAA transactions.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires pharmacies to make all reasonable efforts to obtain and utilize the appropriate individual NPIs for prescribers.

**Action Required: Pharmacy Compliance**

To ensure compliance with CMS and reduce risk of service interruption for members, pharmacies are required to use one of the following alternate prescriber identification numbers when the NPI is not available:

**For Passport Health Plan: Kentucky State License number**

**For Passport Advantage: DEA number**

**For More Information**

To obtain a prescriber's NPI, please refer to the following web site: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>. If you have any questions or concerns, please call PerformRx at (800) 555-5690.

**Future Compliance Monitoring**

Routine and prolonged use of non-NPI identifiers is not acceptable. PerformRx will monitor the use of non-NPI and default identifiers to ensure pharmacies' compliance with requirements to use the NPI whenever available.