

TO:	ALL PERFORMRX/ PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN NETWORK PHARMACIES	FROM:	PERFORMRX PHARMACY SERVICES
PHONE:	(800) 578-0898	DATE:	11/17/08
RE:	Effective 12/1/08 – Prescriber NPI Required on All Passport Health Plan Pharmacy Claims		

Since May 23, 2008 the National Provider Identifier (NPI) has been required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the transactions of all HIPAA-covered entities (including pharmacies, pharmacists, and prescribers). Pharmacies have been encouraged to obtain and utilize the individual NPI for prescribers.

On October 27, 2008, the Kentucky Department of Medicaid (DMS) mandated the inclusion of a valid NPI for all Kentucky Medicaid member prescriptions.

Therefore, effective December 1, 2008, all Passport Health Plan (PHP) pharmacy claims must include the prescriber's NPI. Pharmacy claims submitted without the prescriber's NPI will automatically reject with the following error message: *"Invalid Prescriber ID."*

Action Required:

If a member presents a prescription without the prescriber's NPI, please:

1. Call the prescriber's office to request the NPI; or
2. Obtain the prescriber's NPI from the NPI registry web page:

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

NCPDP Field Requirements:

NCPDP Field	Current Value	New Value	PHP Effective Date
Prescriber ID NCPDP Field 411-DB	State License Number	Prescriber NPI	December 1, 2008
Prescriber ID Qualifier NCPDP field 466-EZ	08	01	December 1, 2008

For More Information:

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please call the PerformRx Pharmacy HelpDesk at (800) 578-0898.