

# Provider

# Alert



**Subject: Interim Instructions for Billing Services Provided by Physician Assistants**

**From:** Passport Health Plan  
**Sent:** December 20, 2007  
**To:** Passport Health Plan Providers

**Provider Types Affected:**

Passport Health Plan (PHP) Providers

**Background:**

The updated CMS-1500 claim form is affecting claims processing for services provided by physician assistants. Some claims are being denied “Z03 – Attending Physician should bill on behalf of the Physician Assistant.”

**This denial will generate on all claims where the physician assistant’s provider ID number is placed in fields 24I and 24J (Rendering Provider ID Number) of the CMS-1500 form.**

The Plan is working with the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) to determine the appropriate billing requirements for physician assistant services, and will provide details in a future communication.

**Provider Action Needed:**

In the interim, please continue to submit claims for services provided by physician assistants by billing with the supervising physician’s provider ID number. The supervising physician’s provider ID number must be submitted in field 24J (Rendering Provider ID Number) on the CMS-1500 form.

Please also continue to include the supervising physician’s group information in field 33A (Billing Provider Info).

**Questions:**

The Plan appreciates your patience as we work to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Provider Claims Service Unit (PCSU) at (502) 578-0775.

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