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**Subject: Final Notice for NPI Deadline – May 23, 2008**

**From:** Passport Health Plan

**Sent:** April 10, 2008

**To:** All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

**Provider Types Affected:**

All Passport Health Plan (PHP) and Passport Advantage (PAD) Providers

**Background:**

As part of the contingency plan initiated last year, Passport Health Plan extended the dual use period, allowing providers to continue using their health plan ID numbers instead of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on electronic and paper claims.

**Effective May 23, 2008, this period will end and claims submitted without a valid NPI number will be automatically rejected.**

**Provider Action Needed:**

**Effective May 23, 2008, providers must submit all claims with an NPI number.** Providers are also *strongly encouraged* to continue to include PHP/PAD ID numbers on paper and electronic claims, even after the NPI is required.

Providers who have not already done so **must** apply for and submit individual, facility and/or organizational NPI(s) to the Plan by **April 30, 2008**. To submit your NPI to the Plan, please visit the Provider Center of our web site, [www.passporthealthplan.com](http://www.passporthealthplan.com), and select "Submit your NPI on-line" under the "National Provider Identifier" heading. You may also fax to (215) 863-5735.

The Provider Center also contains further information on how to apply for your NPI.

**Questions:**

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-7943.

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