



## NPI - CMS 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Alert

Emdeon Business Services has received a number of requests from customers concerning CMS's recently released statement about clearinghouses, the PQRI and the NPI.

**Emdeon Business Services confirms that its claims clearinghouses forward on to all Medicare payers any and all NPI data received from submitters that passes the 10 digit numeric and LUHN check digit validation.**

### Background:

In a communication addressed to all Medicare providers, CMS recently stated:

It has come to the attention of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that some Clearinghouses are stripping the National Provider Identifier (NPI) prior to submission of the claim to Medicare. This will adversely affect Eligible Professionals in that these claims will not count toward PQRI participation. CMS urges Eligible Professionals that use clearinghouses to check with their clearinghouse to assure NPIs are not being stripped from claims. If the Eligible Professional determines that their clearinghouse is stripping NPIs from the claim, the Eligible Professional may want to consider other billing options.

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