



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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To: All hospitals reporting UB-04 data to the State

Re: Reporting National Provider Identifier (NPI)

The requirement for health providers to change from the unique physician identification (UPIN) to the NPI for Medicare billing took place in May 2008. All health providers and suppliers who provide services and bill Medicare for these services and supplies must have an NPI. The NPI is a national standard under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). It is a unique identification number for covered health care providers and is issued by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).

Starting with the submission of first quarter 2018 data – May 30, 2018 – we ask that all hospitals use the NPI number instead of the UPIN. This number will be reported in the same position of the UPIN for attending, operating, and other providers identifiers. However, you may start reporting this data immediately if you choose.

Remember, hospitals should not submit internal facility-assigned ID numbers for the professionals practicing in the facility. The NPI data will provide the capability of analyzing hospital costs and utilization data by the attending physician.

If you have any questions please let us know. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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