

**Important
National Provider Identifier (NPI) Reporting Requirement**

February 21, 2008

Effective **March 31, 2008**, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and Volunteer State Health Plan will begin line item provider validation and adjudication for NPI. **This change affects any claim processed after 4 p.m. on March 28, 2008**, and will allow for the submission of the Group NPI in the Billing Provider fields. Health care providers must include a valid 10-digit NPI in the appropriate fields as specified in the table below. Please note, all NPI numbers submitted for any of these provider types must be on file with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee or your claim(s) will be returned unprocessed.

All Lines of Business Professional CMS -1500/ANSI837P

| Provider Type | Billing Requirements | Paper | ANSI837 |
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| Billing Provider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPI always required Submit an Individual NPI or Group NPI. NOTE: If Group Provider ID/NPI is submitted, you must submit an Individual ID/NPI in the rendering provider field | Block 33A | Loop 2010AA |
| Claim and Line Level Rendering Provider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPI required IF rendering provider ID/NPI is submitted at line or claim level <u>Or</u> if Group ID/NPI is submitted at the Billing Provider level. Multiple rendering providers must file separate claims. | Block 24J | Loop 2310B – Claim Level Loops 2420A – Line Level |

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| Claim and Line Level Referring | NPI required IF referring provider ID is submitted | Block 17B | 2310A – Claim Level 2420F – Line Level |
| All non-billing providers | NPI required IF any non-billing provider ID is submitted | Block 32 | Loop 2310C Loop 2420C Loop 2310D Loop 2420D Loop 2310E Loop 2420E Loop 2420B |

BlueCare Institutional CMS -1450/ANSI837I

| Provider Type | Billing Requirements | Paper | ANSI837 |
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| Claim and Line Level Attending | NPI required IF attending provider ID is submitted | Form Locator 75 | 2310A – Claim Level 2420A – Line Level |
| All non-billing providers | NPI required IF any non-billing provider ID is submitted | Form locator 76-78 | Loop 2310B Loop 2420B Loop 2310E Loop 2420C |

When submitting any of the ANSI -837 loops, the NM108 segment/element must reflect “XX” to indicate an NPI. Health care providers may continue to submit an NPI and legacy number along with the appropriate qualifiers in these fields or submit only the NPI.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Provider Service at 1-800-924-7141.