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An informational newsletter for Idaho Medicaid Providers

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National Provider Identifier (NPI) Is Here! Idaho Medicaid Implements NPI May 24, 2008. Are You Ready?

NPI claim errors can seriously interrupt your cash flow! Are you one of the more than 14,000 Idaho Medicaid providers with NPI claim errors? The Idaho Medicaid implements NPI May 24, 2008. Are you ready?

NPI is Here! Are You Using It?

The federal contingency period for the NPI ends May 23, 2008. What does this mean? Beginning May 24, 2008, all standard electronic transactions for health care providers must include the NPI. Are you ready?

If you submit electronic claims, now is the time to test your NPI registration with Idaho Medicaid. Follow the steps below to ensure a smooth transition.

Step 1: Review your Idaho Medicaid NPI registration account to ensure all your NPIs are registered and linked to the appropriate Medicaid provider number.

Step 2: Submit your electronic claims with both the NPI and Idaho Medicaid provider number.

Step 3: Review your paper remittance advice (RA) for any NPI related Explanation of Benefit (EOB) error codes. If you receive an NPI EOB for a claim, review the claim data with your billing staff, software vendor, or clearinghouse, as needed, to fix the error. Continue using the dual submission strategy until your claims are paying correctly without EOB codes or mismatched letters.

Step 4: Watch your mail for important information about resolving NPI — Idaho Medicaid provider number mismatches and EOB errors on your claims. Work quickly to fix the identified problems to ensure your claims can be processed after May 23, 2008. Continue using the dual submission strategy until your claims pay correctly without EOB codes.

Step 5: If your claims are paying correctly using both the NPI and Medicaid provider number (most claims are), begin submitting claims with the NPI as the only provider identifier.

Step 6: Review your paper RA to ensure the NPI only claims paid to the correct Idaho Medicaid provider number.

Taking these steps now will allow time for any needed corrections before Idaho Medicaid implements NPI on May 24, 2008.

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Need help or more information? Your local provider relations consultant (PRC) is available to help with general NPI questions, EOB error code questions, and mismatch claim problems. PRC contact information is listed in the sidebar on page 5. You can also email your questions and concerns to the NPI Helpdesk at: NPIHD@dhw.idaho.gov. NPI information can also be found at: <https://npi.dhw.idaho.gov> by clicking on the *NPI Registration Instructions* link on the left side of the page.

Still not sure what an NPI is and how you can get it, share it, and use it? More information on the NPI can be found on the CMS Web site, CMS NPI page at: www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProidentStand.

Providers can apply for an NPI online at: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or call the NPI enumerator at: (800) 465-3203, to request a paper application .

May 24th is Only Three Weeks Away, Be Prepared!

Working Your Weekly Remittance Advice (RA)

Are you getting National Provider Identifier (NPI) Explanation of Benefit (EOB) messages on your paper RA or NPI mismatch letters? The paper RA has lots of information that can help you make the changes you must make to be ready for the Idaho Medicaid implementation of NPI, May 24, 2008.

RA Header

The NPI is displayed in the header portion of the paper RA as follows:

- If the Medicaid provider number used to process the claim is linked to a single NPI in the registration process, the NPI that is linked to the Medicaid provider number **on the date** the RA is produced will be displayed to the right of the Medicaid provider number.
- If the Medicaid provider number used to process the claim is linked to two or more NPIs, one of those NPIs, followed by an asterisk (*), will be displayed to the right of the Medicaid provider number. The asterisk indicates that there are multiple NPIs, but not all are displayed. When there is more than one NPI linked to the Medicaid provider number, the NPI displayed on the RA will be the **lowest number** NPI linked to the Medicaid provider number.
- If the Medicaid provider number used to process the claim is **not** linked to an NPI, no NPI will be displayed in the header.

RA Claim Detail Section

Even if the NPI is not registered with Idaho Medicaid, the claim detail section displays the NPI submitted on the claim. The submitted NPI is displayed to the left of the internal control number (ICN). This allows you to view the NPI number that you submitted with the Medicaid provider number. If no NPI is submitted on the claim, no NPI is displayed on the claim detail.

If the NPI is not registered with Idaho Medicaid you will find an 049 EOB code on your RA for that claim. If the NPI is not linked to the Idaho Medicaid number used to process the claim, this will trigger the NPI mismatch letter. If these errors are not resolved before NPI is fully implemented on May 24, 2008, the claims will deny or pay to a different provider.

Need Help?

Billing questions, problems, or questions regarding how to link due to unique situations, multiple Medicaid numbers, etc. can be handled through the regional PRC. Contact information for the PRCs can be found in the *Medicaid Provider Handbook* or in the sidebar on page 5. You can get help with NPI registration problems or questions by calling: (800) 685-3757, and asking for *Provider Enrollment*.

DHW Contact Information

◆ **DHW Web site**
www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

◆ **Idaho Careline**
2-1-1
Toll free: (800) 926-2588

◆ **Medicaid Fraud and Program Integrity Unit**
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0036
Fax: (208) 334-2026
prvfraud@dhw.idaho.gov

Healthy Connections Regional Health Resources Coordinators

◆ **Region I - Coeur d'Alene**
(208) 666-6766
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◆ **Region II - Lewiston**
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(800) 799-5088

◆ **Region III - Caldwell**
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(800) 494-4133

◆ **Region IV - Boise**
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(208) 334-0718
(800) 354-2574

◆ **Region V - Twin Falls**
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(800) 897-4929

◆ **Region VI - Pocatello**
(208) 235-2927
(800) 284-7857

◆ **Region VII - Idaho Falls**
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(800) 919-9945

◆ **In Spanish (en Español)**
(800) 378-3385

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◆ **DME Specialist, Medical Care**
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◆ **Qualis Health (Telephonic & Retrospective Reviews)**
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Fax: (800) 826-3836
(206) 368-2765

www.qualishealth.org/idaho/medicaid.htm

Transportation

◆ **Developmental Disability and Mental Health**
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(208) 287-1172

◆ **Other Non-emergent and Out-of-State**
Phone: (800) 296-0509, #1173
(208) 287-1173
Fax: (800) 296-0513
(208) 334-4979

◆ **Ambulance Review**
Phone: (800) 362-7648
(208) 287-1157
Fax: (800) 359-2236
(208) 334-5242

Insurance Verification

◆ **HMS**
PO Box 2894
Boise, ID 83701
Phone: (800) 873-5875
(208) 375-1132
Fax: (208) 375-1134

Resolving Your National Provider Identifier (NPI) Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Codes

Take time to resolve your NPI EOB error code now! The Idaho Medicaid implementation date for NPI is May 24, 2008 – just a few short weeks away!

049: NPI not registered with Idaho Medicaid or linked to Medicaid provider number.

The NPI submitted on the claim is not registered and linked to the Idaho Medicaid provider number listed in the Remittance Advice (RA) header.

- Review the NPI number listed in the claim detail section of the RA.
- Assure the NPI shown should be linked to the Medicaid number listed in the RA header section.
- Go to the Idaho Medicaid NPI Registration Web page at: <https://npi.dhw.idaho.gov>. Register and link the NPI to the appropriate Idaho Medicaid provider number.

050: NPI not linked to Medicaid provider number allowed to bill for this service.

The NPI submitted on the claim is linked to a Medicaid provider number that is not allowed to bill for the specified service. For example, a physician is not allowed to bill for a hospital service.

- Review the NPI number listed in the claim detail section of the RA.
- Assure the NPI shown should be linked to the Medicaid number listed in the RA header section.
- Go to the NPI Web page listed above. Correct or add the link for the NPI submitted.

051: Taxonomy code is required when submitting this NPI on claims.

The NPI submitted on the claim is linked to more than one Medicaid number that submits the same type of claim, from the same service location.

- Review *Appendix B; Taxonomy*, from the *Medicaid Provider Handbook* found on the web page listed above. Click on the *NPI Registration Instructions* link on the left side of the page, or review the *Provider Electronic Solutions (PES)* CD for a list of allowed taxonomy codes for each provider type.
- Submit the proper taxonomy code on each claim. The billing provider taxonomy code must be submitted in loop 2000A, segment PRV03 of the electronic transaction.

052: Taxonomy code on claim is not used by Idaho Medicaid.

The taxonomy code submitted on the claim is not on the allowed list of codes accepted by Idaho Medicaid.

- Review *Appendix B; Taxonomy*, from the *Medicaid Provider Handbook* found at: <https://npi.dhw.idaho.gov>. Click on the *NPI Registration Instructions* link on the left side of the page, or review the *PES* CD for a list of allowed taxonomy codes for each provider type.
- Submit the proper taxonomy code on each claim. The billing provider taxonomy code must be submitted in loop 2000A, segment PRV03 of the electronic transaction.

053: NPI and taxonomy combination does not match any linked Medicaid provider number.

The NPI/taxonomy code combination on the claim does not match the provider type assigned to the Medicaid provider number listed in the RA header section.

- Review the NPI in the claim detail section of the RA.
- Assure the NPI shown should be linked to the Medicaid number listed in the RA header section.
- Go to the NPI Web page listed above to link, or confirm the link is correct.
- Review the submitted taxonomy code with your regional provider relations consultant (PRC). Contact information for the PRCs can be found in the sidebar on page 5.
- Submit the proper taxonomy code on each claim. The billing provider taxonomy code must be submitted in loop 2000A, segment PRV03 of the electronic transaction.

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054: Zip code sent on claim does not match zip code on file.

The 9-digit zip code entered on the electronic transaction does not match the 9-digit zip+4 code entered when the NPI was registered on the Idaho Medicaid NPI Web page.

- Find the correct zip+4 code at: www.usps.gov.
- Review and correct, if necessary, the zip code entered in your billing system.
- Go to the NPI Web page at: <https://npi.dhw.idaho.gov>. Review the 9-digit zip code entered for each service location of each linked Medicaid number and correct as needed.

055: NPI Taxonomy Zip combination matches multiple linked Medicaid provider numbers.

One NPI number is linked to two or more Medicaid numbers that have the same provider type and zip+4. One of the following two must be different if only one NPI will be used, taxonomy, or zip+4. Providers should update the zip+4 on the NPI registration page to be unique per service location, and resubmit with correct zip+4.

- Review the NPI listed in the claim detail section of the RA.
- Assure the NPI shown should be linked to the Medicaid number listed in the RA header section.
- Go to the NPI Web page listed above to confirm all the links for this NPI are correct.
- Review the assigned provider types for each of the linked Medicaid provider numbers and their appropriate taxonomy codes with your regional PRC. Contact information for the PRCs can be found on page 5.
- Submit the proper taxonomy code on each claim. The billing provider taxonomy code must be submitted in loop 2000A, segment PRV03 of the electronic transaction.

056: An NPI must be submitted on claims for these services effective May 23, 2008.

You did not submit an NPI number on the claim. Based on your provider type, an NPI is required by federal law and must be submitted on all electronic transactions by May 23, 2008.

- Apply for your NPI if you don't already have one. A link to the NPI application Web page can be found at: <https://npi.dhw.idaho.gov>.
- Work with your billing staff to ensure both the NPI and Medicaid number is submitted on electronic transactions before May 23, 2008, to ensure Idaho Medicaid can continue to pay your claims correctly.
- Work with your software vendor or clearing house to ensure your electronic transactions are submitted with the required NPI information before May 23, 2008.

We recommended you submit both the Medicaid number and the NPI number on electronic transactions until your claims are being paid correctly without EOB error codes. This will allow us to test the NPI information submitted on each claim to assure it is linked correctly in our system. If your claims are paying correctly using both the NPI and Medicaid provider number (most claims are), begin submitting claims with the NPI as the only provider identifier.

At this time, all the EOB codes listed above are **informational only**. Receiving these EOBs does not currently affect your Medicaid payment, but will allow you to work out any possible problems before using only the NPI number on electronic transactions.

You can get help with NPI registration problems or questions by calling: (800) 685-3757, and asking for *Provider Enrollment*. Billing questions, problems, or questions regarding how to link due to unique situations, multiple Medicaid numbers, etc. can be handled through the regional PRC. Contact information for the PRCs can be found in the *Medicaid Provider Handbook* or in the sidebar on page 5.

EDS Contact Information

◆ **MAVIS**
Phone: (800) 685-3757
(208) 383-4310

◆ **EDS Correspondence**
PO Box 23
Boise, ID 83707

◆ **Medicaid Claims**
PO Box 23
Boise, ID 83707

◆ **PCS & ResHab Claims**
PO Box 83755
Boise, ID 83707

EDS Fax Numbers

◆ **Provider Enrollment**
(208) 395-2198

◆ **Provider Services**
(208) 395-2072

◆ **Participant Assistance Line**
Toll free: (888) 239-8463

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March 6, 2008

MEDICAID INFORMATION RELEASE 2008-06

To: Hospital Administrators
From: Leslie M. Clement, Administrator, Division of Medicaid
Subject: Notice of 2008 Medicaid Rates for Swing-Bed Days and Administratively Necessary Days

Effective for dates-of-service on or after **January 1, 2008**, Medicaid will pay the following rates:

Swing-Bed Day	\$216.57
Administratively Necessary Day	\$175.20

If you have billed for swing-bed or administratively necessary days since January 1, 2008, please submit corrected claim adjustments to EDS in order to receive reimbursement with the new rate listed above.

If you have any questions concerning the information contained in this release, please contact the Bureau of Financial Operations, Reimbursement Unit at: (208) 364-1918.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

LMC/rs

March 20, 2008

MEDICAID INFORMATION RELEASE 2008-07

To: All Nursing Home and ICF/MR Administrators
From: Leslie M. Clement, Administrator
Subject: Information Request Related To PCS Wage Determination

Each year, the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) gathers information from all Nursing Facilities (including hospital-based facilities) and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, to determine wage data for select employees in the nursing home industry. *DHW requires you to respond according to the attached instructions and complete the attached certification.

If your facility was certified for participation in the Medicaid program before **March 15, 2008, you must respond by April 16, 2008**. Otherwise, you are not required to participate this year. Please return the required information as soon as possible to:

Myers and Stauffer LC
8555 West Hackamore Drive, Suite 100
Boise, ID 83709-1693

If you have questions, please contact the Division of Medicaid at: (208) 364-1817, or Myers and Stauffer at: (800) 336-7721. Thank you for your participation in Idaho Medicaid.

LMC/rs

Attachments

* According to *Idaho Code, Section 39-5606*, and *IDAPA 16.03.10.281.02*

March 21, 2008

MEDICAID INFORMATION RELEASE 2008-08

To: Prescribing Providers, Pharmacists and Hospitals

From: Leslie M. Clement, Administrator
Division of Medicaid

Subject: Preferred Agents for Drug Classes Reviewed at Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meetings on October 19, 2007, January 18, 2008, and February 15, 2008.

Drug/Drug Classes:	Noted below
Implementation Date:	Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2008

Idaho Medicaid is noting preferred agents and prior authorization (PA) criteria for the following drug classes as part of the Enhanced PA Program. The information is included in the attached Preferred Drug List.

The Enhanced PA Program and drug-class specific PA criteria are based on nationally recognized peer-reviewed information and evidence-based clinical criteria. Medicaid designates preferred agents within a drug class based primarily on objective evaluations of their relative safety, effectiveness, and clinical outcomes in comparison with other therapeutically interchangeable alternative drugs and, secondarily, on cost.

Questions regarding the Enhanced PA Program can be referred to the Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy Unit at: (208) 364-1829. A current listing of preferred and non-preferred agents and prior authorization criteria for all drug classes is available online at: www.medicaidpharmacy.idaho.gov.

Agents **bolded** below indicate changes in the Preferred Drug List.

THERAPEUTIC DRUG CLASS	PREFERRED AGENTS	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS*
Analgesics, Narcotics Long-Acting	methadone generic, Kadian [®] , and morphine extended release generic Duragesic [®] is recommended as preferred over generic fentanyl transdermal when the therapeutic prior authorization criteria are met.	Duragesic [®] , fentanyl transdermal generic, Avinza [®] , Opana ER [®] , Oxycontin [®] and oxycodone extended release generic
Analgesics, Narcotics Short-Acting	propoxyphene/acetaminophen generic, acetaminophen/codeine generic, tramadol generic, hydrocodone/acetaminophen generic, aspirin/codeine generic, codeine generic, morphine IR generic, oxycodone IR generic, oxycodone/acetaminophen generic, pentazocine/naloxone generic, hydromorphone generic, oxycodone/aspirin generic, pentazocine/acetaminophen generic, tramadol/acetaminophen generic and levorphanol generic	propoxyphene generic, meperidine oral generic, Darvon N [®] , Panlor DC/SS [®] , Opana [®] , fentanyl buccal generic, Fentora [®] , hydrocodone/ibuprofen generic, oxycodone/ibuprofen generic, butalbital compound/codeine generic, and dihydrocodeine/acetaminophen/caffeine generic
Angiotensin Modulators	Altace [®] , benazepril and benazepril/HCTZ generic, captopril and captopril/HCTZ generic, enalapril and enalapril/HCTZ generic, fosinopril and fosinopril/HCTZ generic, lisinopril and lisinopril/HCTZ generic, quinapril and quinapril/HCTZ generic, Diovan [®] , Diovan HCT [®] , Benicar, Benicar HCT [®] , Micardis [®] , Micardis HCT [®] , Cozaar [®] , Hyzaar [®] , Avapro [®] , and Avalide [®]	Aceon[®] , Teveten [®] , Tevetan HCT [®] , Atacand [®] , Atacand HCT [®] , moexepri and moexepri/HCTZ generic, Tekturna[®] , Tekturna HCT[®] , trandolapril and ramipril

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Angiotensin Modulator—Calcium Channel Blocker Combination Drugs	Exforge[®], Azor[®], benazepril/amlodipine generic and Lotrel [®] as preferred agents.	Tarka[®] and Lexxel [®]
Anticoagulants, Injectable	Fragmin [®] , Lovenox [®] , and Arixtra [®]	Innohep [®]
Anticonvulsants	methobarbital generic, phenobarbital generic, clonazepam generic, carbamazepine generic, Carbatrol [®] , Equetro [®] , phenytoin, Dilantin [®] , mephobarbital generic , primidone generic, valproic acid generic, Depakote [®] sprinkle, Depakote ER [®] , Depakote [®] , Celontin [®] , Peganone [®] , Gabitril [®] , ethosuximide generic, zonisamide generic ² , oxcarbazine² , Lyrica ^{®2} , gabapentin generic ² , Topamax ^{®2} , Keppra ^{®2} , Lamictal ^{®2} , and Diastat [®]	Phenytek [®] , Tegretol XR ^{®1} , Felbatol [®] and lamotrigine generic ² ¹ Clients currently receiving Tegetrol XR [®] will be “grandfathered” and not need to switch to a preferred agent. ² These anticonvulsants are recommended as preferred for epilepsy and other seizure disorders only. Non-seizure indications will still require that therapeutic prior authorization criteria are met.
Antihistamines, Minimally Sedating	Zyrtec [®] OTC syrup, loratadine/loratadine-D generic and cetirizine OTC tablet	Clarinetx/Clarinetx D[®] , Clarinetx [®] syrup, Zyrtec/Zyrtec-D [®] , Xyzal [®] , Allegra [®] syrup, Allegra D [®] 12 hour and fexofenadine generic, and Semprex D[®] All current therapeutic criteria will be removed.
Antimigraine Agents, Triptans	Relpax[®] , Imitrex (oral) [®] , Imitrex (nasal) [®] , and Imitrex [®] SQ	Amerge[®] , Maxalt/Maxalt MLT[®] , Axert [®] , Frova [®] , Zomig/ZomigZMT [®] , and Zomig [®] (nasal) <i>Amerge[®], Maxalt/Maxalt MLT[®], and Zomig/ZomigZMT[®] will be “grandfathered” for current patients. These agents will be non-preferred and require prior-authorization for new patients.</i>
Beta Blockers	atenolol generic, metoprolol generic, propranolol generic, sotalol generic, nadolol generic, acebutolol generic, labetalol generic, pindolol generic, timolol generic, bisoprolol generic, betaxolol generic, and carvedilol generic	Coreg CR [®] , Levatol [®] Innopran XL [®] <i>Therapeutic prior authorization criteria for carvedilol will be removed.</i>
Bladder Relaxant Preparations	oxybutynin generic, Vesicare [®] , Oxytrol [®] transdermal, Enablex [®] , Sanctura [®] , Sanctura XR [®] , Ditropan XL [®] and Detrol LA[®]	Detrol [®]
BPH Treatments	doxazosin generic, terazosin generic, Uroxatral [®] , Cardura XL [®] , Flomax [®] , Avodart [®] , and finasteride generic	There are no agents designated as non-preferred.
Calcium Channel Blockers	Dynacirc CR [®] , verapamil generic, verapamil ER PM, Cardizem LA [®] , diltiazem, nifedipine generic, felodipine ER generic and amlodipine generic	nicardipine generic, Cardene SR [®] , Covera-HS [®] , isradipine generic and Sular[®]

Erythropoiesis Stimulating Proteins	Aranesp [®] and Procrit [®]	Epogen [®]
Growth Hormone	Saizen [®] , Nutropin[®] , Nutropin AQ [®] and Norditropin[®]	Tev-Tropin[®] , Serostim[®] , Genotropin[®] , Humatrope [®] , Omnitrope [®] and Zorbtive [®] <i>Current therapeutic criteria for growth hormone will continue to be required for all agents.</i> <i>Patients currently receiving non-preferred agents will be “grandfathered.”</i>
Hepatitis C Agents	Pegasys [®] , Peg-Intron[®] and ribavirin generic	Infergen [®]
Hypoglycemics, Meglitinides	Starlix [®] and Prandin [®]	There are no agents designated as non-preferred.
Hypoglycemics, TZD	Avandia [®] , Actos [®] , Avandamet [®] , Avandaryl [®] , Actoplus Met [®] , and Duetact [®]	There are no agents designated as non-preferred.
Impetigo Agents, Topical	mupirocin ointment generic	Altabax[®] and Bacroban[®] cream
Lipotropics, Other	Niaspan [®] , gemfibrozil generic, colestipol generic, Tricor [®] , cholestyramine generic, fenofibrate generic, and Antara[®]	Zetia [®] , Triglide [®] , Welchol [®] , Lipofen [®] and Lovaza [®]
Lipotropics, Statins	Caduet[®] , Lescol/Lescol XL [®] , Lipitor [®] , lovastatin generic, pravastatin generic and simvastatin generic	Advicor[®] , Crestor [®] , Altprev[®] and Vytorin [®] and Simcor[®]
Multiple Sclerosis Agents	Betaseron [®] , Avonex [®] , Rebif [®] and Copaxone [®]	There were no agents designated as non-preferred.
Otic Fluoroquinolones	ofloxacin generic otic and Ciprodex [®] otic	Cipro [®] HC otic
Phosphate Binders	PhosLo [®] , Fosrenol [®] and Renagel [®]	There are no agents designated as non-preferred.
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Prilosec [®] OTC, Nexium [®] capsule and suspension, and Prevacid [®] capsule	Prevacid[®] solutab and suspension , Zegerid [®] , Aciphex [®] , Protonix [®] and omeprazole generic <i>All current therapeutic criteria except those associated with the solutab form of Prevacid will be removed.</i>
Sedative Hypnotics	chloral hydrate generic, temazepam generic, triazolam generic, Restoril[®] 7.5 mg and zolpidem generic	Lunesta[®] , flurazepam generic, Rozerem [®] , Ambien CR [®] , Sonata [®] , Doral [®] , estazolam generic <i>Lunesta[®] will be “grandfathered” for current patients.</i>
Skeletal Muscle Relaxants	baclofen generic, chlorzoxazone generic, cyclobenzaprine generic, dantrolene generic, methocarbamol generic, orphenadrine generic, orphenadrine compound generic and tizanidine generic	carisoprodol generic , carisoprodol compound, Soma[®] , Skelaxin[®] , Zanaflex[®] , Fexmid[®] and Amrix[®]
Ulcerative Colitis Agents	sulfasalazine generic, Colazal [®] , mesalamine rectal generic, Asacol [®] , Pentasa[®] , and Canasa [®]	Dipentum [®] and Lialda [®]

May 1, 2008

MEDICAID INFORMATION RELEASE MA08-09

To: Hospital Outpatient Departments, Therapy Provider Groups, Developmental Disability Agencies, Independent Physical Therapists, Home Health Agencies, Physicians, Midlevel Practitioners

From: Leslie M. Clement, Administrator
Division of Medicaid

Subject: Change in Administrative Rules for Therapy Services (*IDAPA 16.03.09.730*)

On June 1, 2008, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) will implement new administrative rules regarding therapy services that were passed during the 2008 legislative session. In accordance with these rules, IDHW will:

- Enroll individual occupational therapists (OT) and speech-language pathologists (SLP) as providers.
- Prior authorize OT and SLP services based on limitations defined in the rule.
- Reimburse home health agencies for SLP services.

Important provisions of the new therapy rules include:

- OT is limited to 25 visits per calendar year before prior authorization is necessary.
- SLP services are limited to 40 visits per calendar year before prior authorization is necessary.
- Expectations for supervision are defined.

Provider Enrollment

A licensed therapist who wants to be an independent provider will need to obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and complete the Medicaid enrollment process.

Important Information for New Providers

- New therapy rules (*IDAPA 16.03.09.730*) are accessible through the state of Idaho Web site at: <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/>.
- Copies of pertinent sections of the provider handbook can be found on the therapy page on IDHW's Web site. The finalized version will be available after July 1, 2008.
- Handbooks, frequently asked questions, provider enrollment application/agreement, and other provider information can be accessed at: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3348/default.aspx>.

If you need further clarification, please contact the Medical Care Unit at: (208) 364-1897 or (208) 364-1835. Thank you for your continued participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

Idaho Immunization Program (IIP): *A Message from the Division of Health*

The Idaho Immunization Program (IIP) oversees the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program for the state of Idaho. This program provides all recommended childhood vaccines for all children in Idaho 0-18 years of age at no charge to VFC providers. The only exception is that the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is only provided free of charge to children who are VFC eligible. VFC eligibility includes the following criteria:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Enrolled in Medicaid
- No health insurance
- Underinsured (children who have private health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines)

If you are not a VFC provider and are interested in providing free vaccines to children in Idaho, please contact the IIP at: (208) 334-5931 or by e-mail at: IIP@dhw.idaho.gov.

Immunization Rates: All states' immunization rates are measured on an annual basis. For the second year in a row, the IIP saw a very small increase in the immunization rates for Idaho's children. Idaho's immunization rate is 68 percent for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series (four doses of DTaP, three doses of IPV, one dose of MMR, three doses of Hib, three doses of Hepatitis B, and one dose of Varicella). This is well below the national average of 77 percent. The Department of Health and Welfare's (DHW) goal is to increase immunization rates. The IIP is challenging all providers to join DHW in this effort. Together, we can help increase immunization rates across the state. Without the cooperation

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of everyone, Idaho will continue to remain below the national average and, more importantly, leave children unprotected from preventable diseases.

Quality Assurance Visits: The IIP will once again visit VFC providers to evaluate vaccine storage and handling, documentation, policies and procedures, and to provide staff education and resource materials.

The IIP conducts these visits as part of the national VFC program. This year there will be increased attention to immunization rates and ensuring that providers offer all recommended vaccines (a program expectation).

Adolescent Immunization: The state, along with the Centers for Disease Control, is focusing on adolescents and the importance of receiving new and booster immunizations at 12-13 years of age. The IIP is working with schools around the state to increase awareness of the importance of adolescent immunizations and enrollment in IRIS (the state's immunization registry). IRIS maintains a permanent record of immunizations for life.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the IIP at: (208) 334-5931 or by e-mail at: **IIP@dhw.idaho.gov**.

Thank you for your continued commitment to immunize the children of Idaho.



15th Annual

Idaho Health Care Conference 2008

The Idaho Health Care Conference 2008 is scheduled to begin May 6 and run through May 22 at various cities throughout Idaho. Some of the sessions will include the following topics:

- Billing Tips and National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Medicare Part A; Medicare Part B, Provider Relations Updates; Medicare Part B, Medical Review Updates
- Healthy Connections — A to Z and Therapy Services: Define and Discuss Rule Changes to IDAPA 16.03.09.732

For more information on locations and times please see the pre-registration form below.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Provider Name: _____

Provider Specialty: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Location of Session Attending: _____

Number Attending: _____

There is no registration fee. No confirmation of registration will be sent. We anticipate increased attendance for this year's conferences. Please consider carpooling from your offices.



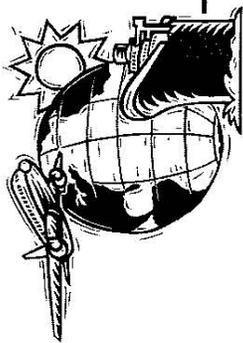
Idaho Health Care Conference 2008

Please pre-register by the dates indicated on the flyer shown on Page 11 of this newsletter by using one of the following methods:

- Clip this section and Mail to:
Luciana A. Cabrera
Idaho Health Care Conference
1215 West State Street
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720
- Email to: luciana.cabrera@idahosisif.org
- Fax to: Attn: Luciana A. Cabrera at (208) 332-2472

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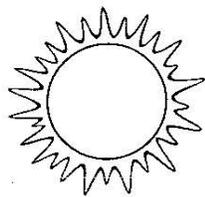


Blue Cross of Idaho, CIGNA, Department of Health and Welfare/Medicaid, EDS, Idaho State Insurance Fund, Noridian Administrative Services, Regence BlueShield of Idaho, and TriWest Healthcare Alliance invite you to attend the Idaho Health Care Conference

Pack your bags and make your reservations to attend our 15th annual TRAVEL themed conference.

Participants are encouraged to visit with the exhibitors during breaks and at lunch. Registration is free for all Idaho health care providers. Conference surveys are available at the registration table.

Agenda



BOISE

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID
Please pre-register by: April 22, 2008

CLARKSTON, WA

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston WA
Please pre-register by: April 30, 2008

POST FALLS

Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Red Lion – Templin's Hotel, 414 E. 1st Avenue, Post Falls, ID
Please pre-register by: May 1, 2008

IDAHO FALLS

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID
Please pre-register by: May 6, 2008

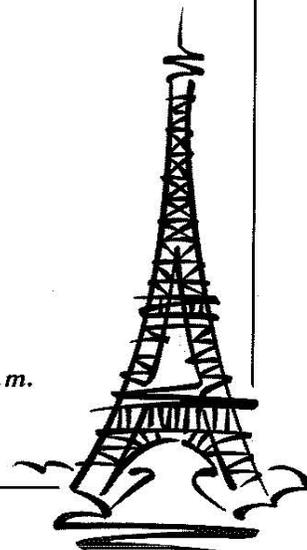
POCATELLO

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, 1399 Bench Road, Pocatello, ID
Please pre-register by: May 7, 2008

BURLEY

Thursday May 22, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Best Western Inn and Convention Center,
800 North Overland Avenue, Burley, ID
Please pre-register by: May 8, 2008

Registration starts at 8 a.m., classes begin at 8:30 a.m.



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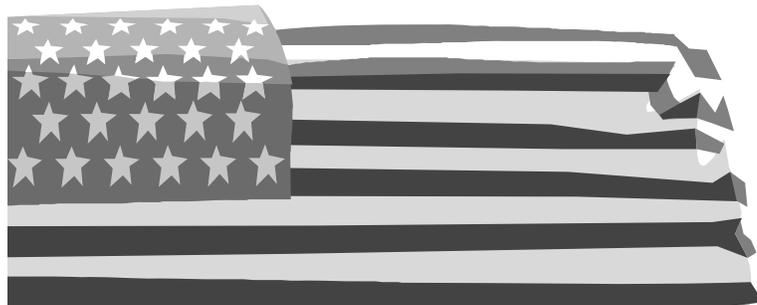
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

May Office Closure

The Department of Health and Welfare and EDS
offices will be closed for the following holiday:

Memorial Day
Monday, May 26, 2008

Reminder that MAVIS
(the Medicaid Automated Voice Information Service)
is available at:
(800) 685-3757 (toll-free) or
(208) 383-4310 (Boise local)



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