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Notice: Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS) Users NPI will be Required Effective October 1, 2009

Dear Provider:

New York Medicaid implemented the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on September 1, 2008. Your NPI is required for all transactions submitted to NY Medicaid including non-claim transactions such as Eligibility Verifications, Service Authorizations, Prior Approvals/Authorizations, and Dispensing Validation System (DVS) requests. This should be the same NPI that you use to bill claims to New York Medicaid.

If you are using Ordering or Referring Providers, an NPI must be entered here also. If you do not know their NPIs, please refer to the eMedNY MEVS Provider Manual for further instructions. This manual can be found on our website www.eMedNY.org (URL: http://www.emedny.org/providermanuals/AllProviders/MEVS/MEVS_Provider_Manual/2_4/MEVS%20Provider%20Manual.pdf).

You are receiving this letter because we have identified recent non-claim transactions sent by you, or on your behalf, that still contain your legacy 8-digit MMIS Provider Number. **Beginning on October 1, 2009, these transactions will fail unless you begin using your NPI. These failures may ultimately result in payment delays.**

We strongly suggest that you examine submissions for all your transactions as soon as possible to move to full NPI compliance.

If you are using a New York State Medicaid Omni 3750 or Vx570 terminal, please refer to the MEVS Provider Manual, section 7.3 – Instructions for Provider Menu, for instructions on how to replace your MMIS ID with your 10-digit NPI.

Note: Atypical Providers are exempt from these requirements and must continue to use their 8-digit MMIS Provider Identifier when submitting both

claims and MEVS transactions to NYS Medicaid. A List of Atypical Providers and their corresponding Category of Service (COS) is available on www.emedny.org. (URL: http://www.emedny.org/atypical_provider_list.html)

Direct any questions about Medicaid transaction submission and NPI compliance to the eMedNY Call Center at 1-800-343-9000.