

## National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Florida Medicaid requires providers to include their National Provider Identifier (NPI) on electronic transactions (ACS X12 transactions only) for providers who are required to obtain an NPI.

Please note the following regarding this change:

Florida Medicaid will no longer accept X12 claim transactions that contain the Florida Medicaid ID in the billing/pay-to provider or the rendering provider loops from providers who are required to obtain an NPI. Affected providers are encouraged to work with their billing agents or billing software support staff to ensure they are submitting transactions that contain only the NPI and not the Medicaid ID. **Electronic claims that contain the Medicaid ID will be denied, except as noted below.**

1. If providers submit X12 837 claim transactions but are not required to obtain an NPI, Medicaid IDs are still allowed in the provider identifier in these loops in claim transactions.
2. If providers directly enter their claims on the HP secure web portal (direct data entry), Medicaid IDs are still allowed in the provider identifier these fields in claim transactions.

NPIs are issued at the national level by the National Provider Enumerator (NPES) as part of the HIPAA legislation for health care providers and payers to use standard transactions and code sets. Providers must register their NPI with Florida Medicaid to create a link to the corresponding Medicaid ID. In cases where a provider has multiple Medicaid IDs, a crosswalk is required that can include taxonomy and/or ZIP+4. Claim transactions must include the exact same combination of NPI, taxonomy, and/or ZIP+4 Code as registered on the Medicaid provider file to guarantee the transactions are associated with the correct Medicaid ID.

Please reference the public provider portal for information to help you register your NPI correctly at <http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/>, choose Provider Support, then choose FAQ, and then choose National Provider ID (NPI).