

Dear PMC Members:

As previously reported, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have announced a "contingency plan" for suppliers who have yet to transition to a national provider identifier (NPI). To help explain to suppliers about the contingency plan, CMS plans to hold a special Open Door Forum (ODF) on the NPI contingency plan. Details on how to participate in the ODF are as follows:

## **Medicare Fee-For-Service National Provider Identifier (NPI) Contingency Plan**

### **National Provider Roundtable with Question & Answer Session**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a National Roundtable on the recently released Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) NPI Contingency Plan. This toll-free call will take place from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., EDT, on Thursday, May 10, 2007.

Following the April 2<sup>nd</sup> release of CMS' Contingency Guidance for all covered entities, the Medicare FFS health plan announced its contingency plan for NPI implementation. For more details on the Medicare FFS Contingency Plan, visit the associated Change Request at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1227CP.pdf> and the related *MLN Matters* article at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf> on the CMS Website.

The call will open with a presentation on the Medicare FFS Contingency Plan announced on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Following the presentation, callers will have an opportunity to ask questions of CMS subject matter experts.

The Medicare FFS Contingency Plan does not change the requirement for Medicare FFS health care providers to acquire an NPI. Getting an NPI is easy and free. Go to [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand) for more information.

May 10, 2007 conference call details:

Date: May 10, 2007

Conference Title: NPI Medicare Fee-For-Service Contingency Plan  
Roundtable

**Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EST**

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. It is important to note that if you are planning to sit in with a group, only one person needs to register to receive the call-in data. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, NOT to allow participation. If you cannot attend the call, replay information is available below.

Registration will close at 2:00 p.m. EST on May 9, 2007, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made, so please be sure to register prior to this time.

1. To register for the call participants need to go to:

<http://www2.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/051007>

2. Fill in all required data.

4. Click "Register".

5. You will be taken to the "Thank you for registering" page and will receive a confirmation email shortly thereafter. (Note: If you do not receive the confirmation email, please check your spam/junk mail filter as they may have gotten caught in that.)

For those of you who will be unable to attend, a replay option will be available shortly following the end of the call. This replay will be accessible from 05/10/2007 until 05/17/2007, 11:59 p.m. EST. The call in data for the replay is (800) 642-1687 and the passcode is 7087149.

For technical difficulties registering, call **1-877-812-4520** and reference call # **7087149**.