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Dear Doctor:

On May 23, 2007, as mandated by HIPAA, all healthcare providers are required to use a National Provider Identifier (NPI). Claims submitted to EqualityCare must have the NPI in order for them to be processed and paid. This unique number will replace the Medicaid I.D. number you are currently using. Hopefully, this provider number will simplify communication and administration and facilitate more efficient electronic transmission of certain health information.

It is important that you obtain an NPI as soon as possible to avoid problems in claims submission to EqualityCare and other claims administrators after May 23, 2007.

The NPI can be obtained online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. There is no charge and the ten digit NPI number is assigned for life and will not change regardless of changes in job, practice location or specialty.

Please obtain your NPI as soon as possible. EqualityCare claims to ACS received after May 23, 2007 will be returned and cannot be processed until they contain a valid NPI number.

In addition, as of May 23, 2007, the EqualityCare program will require claims submission on the 2006 ADA standard claim form. A copy of this form is enclosed.

If you have questions about this important requirement, please call the Wyoming Department of Health Dental Programs at 307-777-7945.

Sincerely,

  
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