

DR. KNOW

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OUR INAUGURAL ISSUE *Welcome To Our First Newsletter*

Plexus wishes to announce our first printing of **DR. KNOW**. An e-newsletter that will keep you updated on industry changes and announcements.

We will also use this medium to keep you apprised of changes and updates within the Plexus network.

Please send us the e-mail addresses of all your staff members so we can get the information to everyone.

Your feedback on this communication is encouraged.

This is just another benefit of being a client of Plexus Health Solutions.

FILED FOR NPI YET? *National Provider Identifier (NPI) Is Required*

Plexus has been keeping you informed on this new requirement. If you have not filed for this new number yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. You can go to website and fill out the application. Be sure to list Plexus as a contact person. If you are not on-line, call 1-800-465-6059 and they will send you a paper application.

If you need help with this please give us a call and we will assist you. Forward us a copy of the acceptance letter so we may apply this number to our system.

We can begin using the NPI as of October 1, 2006 with mandatory use on February 1, 2007.
www.cms.hhs.gov/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/se0555.pdf

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REVISION OF THE CMS-1500

Implementation of NPI Requires This Change

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be put on the CMS-1500 forms in two different places and during the transition both the current insurance provider numbers and the NPI will be required on the CMS-1500's. This creates a need to revise this governmental form. Plexus is aware of this and is encouraged that our software vendor will have this update for us prior to it's initiation deadline, both on paper and electronically.

Currently, Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross of WI are prepared to accept the new forms and the NPI's.

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ELECTRONICALLY DEPOSIT REMITTANCES

Several Carriers Are Offering This Option

Currently, Medicare and several commercial carriers are allowing you to electronically deposit your money and acquire EOB's. On a weekly basis, Plexus goes to the appropriate website,

puts in the user name and password given to you and downloads the EOB's. From these, we post payments to the appropriate patient accounts.

The carrier usually puts money in your account the same day it is approved for payment. This saves time, money and paper. We encourage you to use this option when available. If you would like Plexus to handle this paperwork for you, we will.

BUSH HALTS PAY CUT

Bill Is Signed To Stop Medicare Pay Cuts

On February 2, 2006, the President signed into law the Deficit Reduction Act halting the 4.5% Medicare pay cut for physicians that was to take effect 1-1-06. This Bill freezes Medicare payments at the 2005 rate.

Medicare is making retro-adjustments and sending remittances to cover the shortages.

Plexus applies the additional funds and fixes the contracted adjustment.