



MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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ADVISORY

*In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP)** has developed the **Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.*

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, MAY 23RD, 2008, THE PHARMACY POINT OF SALE (POS) CLAIMS PROCESSOR FOR MARYLAND MEDICAID, KIDNEY DISEASE, BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT AND MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE WILL REQUIRE THE PRESCRIBER'S NPI NUMBER IN ORDER TO PROCESS AND ADJUDICATE A CLAIM.

THE SYSTEM WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS IF THE NPI SUBMITTED ON THE CLAIM IS NOT FOUND:

- 1. DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE NCPDP EDIT 25 (MISSING/INVALID PRESCRIBER ID)**
- 2. THE PROVIDER MAY THEN EITHER:**
 - a. RESUBMIT THE CLAIM WITH A VALID NPI NUMBER; OR**
 - b. CALL THE CLAIMS PROCESSOR (ACS) CALL CENTER @ (800) 932 3918 AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING THE PRESCRIBER NPI NUMBER**