

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Blue Plus and FirstPlan of Minnesota NPI Contingency Plan

NPI Contingency Plan Adoption Statement:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Blue Plus and FirstPlan of Minnesota are officially adopting an NPI Contingency Plan, in accordance with CMS NPI Contingency Guidance and applicable regulations

Key Contingency Plan Dates:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Blue Plus and FirstPlan of Minnesota will accept/send, as applicable, the following identifiers in HIPAA electronic transactions, in the manner and for the purposes specified herein:

Lists of transactions timetable applies to:

X 837P X 837I X 837D ___ 835 X 270/271 X 276/277 X 278

Identifier	Primary Providers (Billing/Pay To; Rendering)	Secondary Providers (Referring, Ordering, Operating, Other)
Legacy ID Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legacy IDs ONLY will continue to be accepted/sent through 05/23/08 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legacy IDs ONLY will continue to be accepted/sent through 05/23/08
NPI +Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPI +Legacy started to be accepted 01/01/07 NPI +Legacy will continue to be accepted through 05/23/08 <p>When NPI +Legacy are received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> processing will be based on Legacy transaction will be rejected if NPI is invalid (not 10 digits or incorrect check-digit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPI +Legacy started to be accepted 01/01/07 NPI +Legacy will continue to be accepted through 05/23/08 <p>Secondary provider IDs do not affect claim payment</p>
NPI Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All providers will be notified when we are ready to accept NPI Only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All providers will be notified when we are ready to accept NPI Only

Note: for definition of Primary and Secondary Providers see CMS FAQ 6926 – http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid= 2OWAqAi

Paper Forms:

Usage of NPI on paper forms will follow the same requirements as electronic transaction (in terms of accepting NPI only, NPI+Legacy, or Legacy only).

Atypical Providers:

If you are not eligible for an NPI, you are considered an atypical provider and must continue using your legacy provider ID on all electronic and paper transactions.