



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois**

September 1, 2007

Dear Provider:

Our records indicate that we do not have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) on file for you.

As a reminder, individual health care providers must obtain a Type 1 (Individual) NPI. Group practices must obtain a Type 2 (Organizational) NPI. Per the regulation, individuals who have incorporated their practice must also obtain an organizational Type 2 NPI for their corporation. The appropriate individual and/or organizational NPI(s) are required on **all electronic transactions**. The use of NPIs also is necessary on **the CMS-1500 (08/05) and UB-04 claim forms**.

Prior to submitting your NPI on electronic transactions or paper claims, you must share your NPI(s) with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL). Remember: The current regulation mandates that you share your NPI(s) with health plans and other providers who may need it for billing purposes.

Please be advised that, as of December 1, 2007, claims that are received without an NPI will be rejected. Beginning December 1, 2007, BCBSIL is requiring that you submit claims using dual identifiers (NPI and BCBSIL provider number), unless you have been approved by BCBSIL to submit only your NPI.

Note: If you are a contracted provider with BCBSIL, you should also be aware that your contract status may be in jeopardy if we do not have your NPI on file for processing as required.

You can share your NPI with BCBSIL by faxing your NPES confirmation notice (letter or e-mail) to (312) 565-2765, or by forwarding your confirmation e-mail from the NPI Enumerator to submitnpi@bcbsil.com. Be sure to include your current BCBSIL provider number(s) with your confirmation notice. For information about how to apply for and share your NPI, along with other educational information and helpful resources, please visit our Provider Web site at www.bcbsil.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at npi@bcbsil.com. If you are a contracted provider, you may contact your Provider Network Consultant directly for additional assistance.

You also may have received a phone call from BCBSIL requesting your NPI information. If you have already shared your NPI with us, please disregard this notice.

Thank you for your continued cooperation throughout the NPI transition period.

Sincerely,

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois