

**Phase 3 of our NPI Transition Plan—the NPI Only phase—begins March 31, 2008.**

Beginning March 31, 2008, all claims submitted to BCBSIL must include *only* your NPI(s). If you're already approved to submit NPI-only claims—*go for it!* That way you will be able to work through any issues before the NPI Only phase begins.\*

- **Paper claims submitters**—you should now be submitting NPI-only claims, as long as you have shared your NPI with BCBSIL.
- **Providers who submit claims electronically**—you should contact your vendor as soon as you receive a “Congratulations” postcard from us to ensure that your vendor is submitting NPI-only claims on your behalf.

If you have questions, please e-mail us at [npi@bcbsil.com](mailto:npi@bcbsil.com). Additionally, if you are a contracted provider, you may contact your Provider Network Consultant directly for assistance.

\*NOTE: Claims that include the BCBSIL provider number will be rejected beginning March 31, 2008, as NPI-only claims are required at this stage. This means that agreements with contracted providers who have not shared their NPI(s) with BCBSIL will necessarily be terminated, effective April 1, 2008.