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Dear Florida Medicaid Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know about changes in Florida Medicaid that will impact most providers who submit claims to the Florida Medicaid program. The Health Insurance Portability and Affordability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 mandated the implementation of a National Provider Identifier (NPI). Most health care providers must register with the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System and receive a unique NPI. The intent of the HIPAA regulations was to require all health plans to convert their claims processing systems to use only the NPI for claims processing and reporting for providers required to obtain an NPI. Because of the complexities of this conversion by health care plans and providers, the use of the NPI has not yet been strictly enforced. However, Medicaid claims submitted on and after January 1, 2011, will have new requirements for the use of the NPI.

***Starting January 1, 2011***

In order to enhance Medicaid efforts to ensure that the program is providing quality, affordable health care for all Americans, the United States Congress included provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009 that mandates changes in Medicaid rules for enrolling providers and submitting claims. Starting January 1, 2011, Medicaid will require that all providers who must obtain an NPI include their NPI on all claims submitted to Medicaid. This will include all claims from these providers, whether submitted on paper or electronically. The Medicaid provider number will be allowed to accompany the NPI on claims; however, claims that do not contain the NPI will be denied. Look for further instructions in the near future for these new requirements.

***Starting April 2011***

The X12 transactions mandated by HIPAA are being modified with a new version, known as 5010. As Florida prepares to convert electronic transactions to the new version of HIPAA, further changes in the electronic claims are needed for the use of NPI for providers who must obtain an NPI. The 5010 version of the claims transactions will no longer allow providers to include the Medicaid provider number as part of the transaction and will allow only the NPI. This affects only electronic claims. Consequently, in preparation for the 5010 implementation, Florida Medicaid will no longer accept X12 claim transactions that contain the Florida Medicaid provider number starting in April 2011. Electronic claims that contain the Medicaid provider number will be denied. Florida Medicaid will provide further instructions in the near future on the 5010 implementation and associated changes that will be required later in 2011.

Thank you for your continued service to Florida Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely yours,

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