



# Medicare Fee For Service National Provider Identifier (NPI) Implementation Initiative

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# Medicare's Implementation Strategy

- Implement NPI in 4 stages
  - Stage 1 effective January 2006
    - Accept NPI on electronic claims, claim status inquiry and eligibility inquiry transactions as long as a legacy identifier is present
    - NPIs are edited to verify they meet the basic structure requirements
    - Continue to accept legacy only
    - Accept legacy only on paper claims until new versions are in effect
      - Transition to the new version of the CMS-1500 is April 2, 2007 through May 22, 2007
      - Transition to the UB-04 is March 1, 2007 through May 22, 2007
    - Continue to send legacy on remittance advice

# Medicare's Implementation Strategy

- Stage 2 effective October 2006
  - Use of an NPI to Medicare legacy identifier crosswalk
    - Provides a means for the FFS claims processing systems to convert an NPI to a legacy provider identifier
    - Crosswalk is able to search from a Medicare legacy identifier to NPI and NPI to legacy identifier
  - Electronic transactions may be submitted with an NPI only, although we encourage submitters to continue to submit their legacy identifier as well
  - Accept revised paper form UB-04 on March 1, 2007; supports NPI and legacy
  - Accept revised paper form CMS-1500 on April 2, 2007; supports both NPI and legacy number
  - Electronic remittance advices, paper remittance advices, and coordination of benefits electronic transactions will contain both the NPI (if available) and legacy identifier

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- Stage 3 effective May 23, 2007
  - Transition to full use of the NPI on all electronic and paper transactions, except coordination of benefits (small health plans have an extra year to implement)
    - Claims submitted, electronically AND on paper, that do not contain an NPI will reject
    - Claims submitted with the NPI will be checked against the CMS NPI to Medicare legacy number crosswalk. If the NPI is not on the crosswalk, the claim will reject
    - Claims submitted with the NPI only and a match is found on the crosswalk, but more than one Medicare legacy number matches to that NPI, claims will suspend for further research

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- Stage 4 effective May 23, 2008
  - Provider legacy identifiers no longer sent on coordination of benefits transactions

# Controlled Testing of the Medicare NPI Crosswalk Process

- Claims with NPI only
  - Fully utilize the crosswalk logic and process
- Claims with NPI and legacy
  - Continue testing the crosswalk logic and process; incrementally implement the crosswalk throughout the transition
- Claims with legacy only
  - By-pass the crosswalk logic

# Provider Outreach

*[www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/)*

- Dedicated CMS web page and ongoing dissemination of information
- Extensive outreach and educational tools for Medicare and non-Medicare providers related to enumeration, such as:
  - How to get an NPI
  - The legacy number submitted on the NPI application form must be the correct legacy number they want to associate to their NPI
- Special section housing Medicare implementation information such as:
  - NPI required on paper claims
  - Recommend using both NPI and legacy number on claims
  - Must report NPI on Medicare enrollment application

# NPI Claim Statistics

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Claims with Legacy Only</b>	<b>Claims with NPI Only</b>	<b>% Claims with NPI Only</b>	<b>Claims with both NPI &amp; Legacy</b>	<b>Overall % of Claims with NPI</b>
1/12/07	21,030,759	19,168,334	45,632	0.22%	1,812,291	8.82%
1/5/07	16,903,044	15,612,771	16,891	0.10%	1,270,956	7.62%
12/29/06	15,470,288	14,353,795	247	0.00%	1,113,199	7.20%

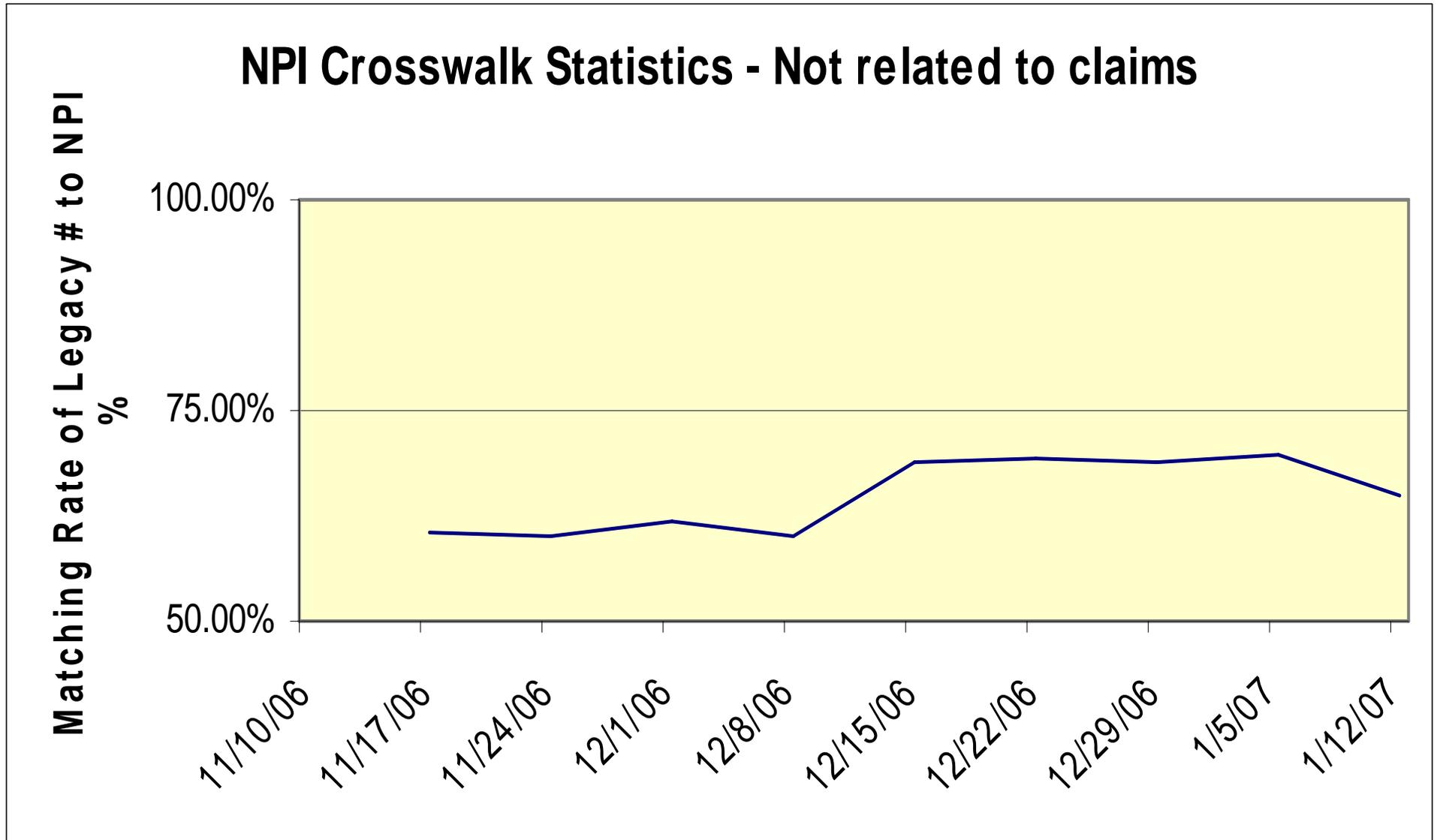
# NPI Crosswalk Matches

## Unrelated to the Claims Process

<b>Legacy Provider Number</b>	<b>Unique Crosswalk Matches</b>	<b>% Unique Matches</b>	<b>Unmatched Legacy Number</b>	<b>% Unmatched</b>
5,702,992	3,696,934	64.81%	1,500,061	26.30%

The crosswalk uses data from the National Provider and Plan Enumeration System data and Medicare legacy identifier systems (UPIN, OSCAR, PINs, and NSC) to match NPI to the correct legacy number

# NPI to Legacy Match



Questions?