

NPI

Readiness of the Chain Pharmacy Industry

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Issues

- Enumeration
- Prescriber IDs
- Readiness of Industry
- Processing of Claims
- Implementation Dates

Enumeration

- 92% of all chain pharmacy have obtained NPIs through NCPDP
- Other 8 % have been identified
 - Small chains could have enumerated on own
 - NCPDP trying to add to database
- Concern that all processors have NPIs loaded
- Confusion with taxonomy codes

Prescriber IDs

- Obtaining Prescriber IDs
 - Not feasible to call
 - Number must be Valid
 - Standardized files
 - Format of files
 - Sharing of files
 - Not all prescribers will have an ID
 - Ensure prescribers obtain IDs
 - Need dissemination guidance from CMS

Readiness of Industry

■ Testing

- Approximately 75% of NACDS members surveyed have tested

■ Submission of claims

- No NACDS members are currently submitting claims
- Most are able to submit claims
- 50% of NACDS members are able to submit reversals at this time

Claims Processing

- Pharmacies process 4 billion claims on-line annually
- Service delays could be overwhelming
- Should roll out gradually
- Adjudicate claims using DEA, state license number or NPI number for several months
.....soft edit
- Message back the NPI when on file
- Monitor integrity of data during this period of time before hard edits put into place.

Implementation Date

- May 23, 2007
- Lack of payer sheets
- Feasibility of date
 - Plans implementing prior to this date with hard cut-over...e.g. DE Medicaid
- Need time to obtain prescriber numbers and add to system and maintain integrity of the data

Thank You