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National Provider Identifier (NPI) for CGP Provider Numbers

In reviewing reports of providers who have not provided EDS with their NPI, we have identified a large number of dentists who are billing for services using legacy authorizations from some of the 56 CMS Net counties and from Los Angeles and Sacramento County. As you know, these claims go to EDS for payment since they do not have SARs and cannot be processed by Delta Dental.

We are concerned that the providers may have mistakenly believed that by updating their NPI at Delta Dental they simultaneously updated their CGP provider number. However, the two systems do not communicate with each other and do not use the same provider files for claims processing.

Dental providers billing with a CGP number **MUST** also register the NPI at the EDS web site. Failure to do this will result in their claims being denied once the switch to the use of the NPI occurs. The Branch will attempt to notify these providers but we are asking the counties to contact their dental providers who are using a CGP number and advise them that they **MUST** update their provider number using the EDS NPI web process. They should be directed to the following web site: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/npi/npi_reginfo.asp