



# HIPAA Alert

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Attention ADAMHS/ADAS/CMHS Boards, providers, associations and interested parties

## MACSIS National Provider Identifier (NPI) Compliance Update

Good news! Over 90 percent of MACSIS providers have been approved to submit claim files in the NPI format. **Important Reminder:** Outstanding providers must be approved for NPI claim file submission **no later than December 31, 2007** to continue to receive payments through MACSIS. Please refer to the [list of local NPI resources](#) available to assist in making this critical transition.

## CMS Encouraging Providers to Review NPI Data Before July 16, 2007

CMS is strongly encouraging providers to ensure their NPI-related information is current and complete **prior to July 16, 2007**. This is in an effort to verify accuracy of the data before its first formal public release **planned for August 1, 2007** via the [NPPES Web site](#). For more information regarding CMS' plans for NPI Data Dissemination, please refer to the [NPI Data Dissemination link](#) on the [MACSIS NPI Web site](#).

**Note:** Under HIPAA, providers are required to update their NPI-related information within 30 days of any change.

## Minor Changes Planned to NPI Application Process Effective July 9, 2007

CMS will be making minor revisions to the online and [paper NPI application](#) process, including improved instructions and capturing the Legal Business Name and the Tax ID of the parent organization related to a subpart. Providers are encouraged although not required to add this information where appropriate. CMS will also be improving the information included in the provider's NPI notification email and offering tools for providers to re-generate additional copies of the email as needed.

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