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Multiple taxonomy codes reminder

On January 23, 2004, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published the final rule that adopted the National Provider Identifier (NPI) as the standard unique health identifier for health care providers.

Health care providers who are covered entities under HIPAA are required by the NPI final rule to keep their National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) data current. Any provider with an NPI already has access or can request access to ensure the NPPES has all current taxonomy codes on file in the NPPES database.

To better align with Louisiana Department of Health reporting requirements, Healthy Blue will begin obtaining all taxonomy codes per NPI from the NPPES registry file.

What does this mean to me?

Your taxonomy code(s) must be current and accurate in the NPPES database. When submitting your claims to Healthy Blue, the taxonomy code submitted must match the appropriate taxonomy codes for your NPI in the NPPES database.

Requirements for health care providers under the NPI final rule:

- Each health care provider must obtain, by application if necessary, an NPI.
- Each health care provider must accept and transmit NPIs whenever required on all standard transactions accepted or transmitted electronically.
- Each health care provider must communicate to the National Provider System (NPS) any changes to the data elements in his or her record in the NPS within 60 days of the change.
- Each health care provider may receive and use only one NPI. An NPI is inactivated upon death or dissolution of the health care provider.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services toll free at **1-844-521-6942**.

The information in this bulletin may be an update or change to your provider manual. Find the most current manual at:

<https://providers.healthybluelouisiana.com>

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