

**Important  
National Provider Identifier (NPI) Reporting Requirement**

February 21, 2008

Effective **March 31, 2008**, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and Volunteer State Health Plan will begin line item provider validation and adjudication for NPI. **This change affects any claim processed after 4 p.m. on March 28, 2008**, and will allow for the submission of the Group NPI in the Billing Provider fields. Health care providers must include a valid 10-digit NPI in the appropriate fields as specified in the table below. Please note, all NPI numbers submitted for any of these provider types must be on file with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee or your claim(s) will be returned unprocessed.

**All Lines of Business Professional CMS -1500/ANSI837P**

Provider Type	Billing Requirements	Paper	ANSI837
Billing Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPI always required</li> <li>Submit an Individual NPI or Group NPI. <b>NOTE:</b> If Group Provider ID/NPI is submitted, you must submit an Individual ID/NPI in the rendering provider field</li> </ul>	Block 33A	Loop 2010AA
Claim and Line Level Rendering Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPI required <b>IF</b> rendering provider ID/NPI is submitted at line or claim level</li> <li><u>Or</u> if Group ID/NPI is submitted at the Billing Provider level.</li> <li>Multiple rendering providers must file separate claims.</li> </ul>	Block 24J	Loop 2310B – Claim Level Loops 2420A – Line Level

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Provider Type	Billing Requirements	Paper	ANSI837
Claim and Line Level Referring	NPI required <b>IF</b> referring provider ID is submitted	Block 17B	2310A – Claim Level 2420F – Line Level
All non-billing providers	NPI required <b>IF</b> any non-billing provider ID is submitted	Block 32	Loop 2310C    Loop 2420C Loop 2310D    Loop 2420D Loop 2310E    Loop 2420E Loop 2420B

**BlueCare Institutional CMS -1450/ANSI837I**

Provider Type	Billing Requirements	Paper	ANSI837
Claim and Line Level Attending	NPI required <b>IF</b> attending provider ID is submitted	Form Locator 75	2310A – Claim Level 2420A – Line Level
All non-billing providers	NPI required <b>IF</b> any non-billing provider ID is submitted	Form locator 76-78	Loop 2310B    Loop 2420B Loop 2310E    Loop 2420C

When submitting any of the ANSI -837 loops, the NM108 segment/element must reflect “XX” to indicate an NPI. Health care providers may continue to submit an NPI and legacy number along with the appropriate qualifiers in these fields or submit only the NPI.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Provider Service at 1-800-924-7141.