



Compulink
Practice Management Software

NPI Only Requirements & Electronic Claims

Dear Version 8.1 Client,

As you are probably aware, under CMS's NPI Contingency Plan, Medicare FFS (fee for service) will continue to accept electronic claims with both legacy numbers and NPIs until May 23, 2008. After that, all electronic claims must contain the NPI number only ("NPI Only") because the legacy number may no longer be submitted. Important: Your local payers (BCBS, Medicaid, Medicare, Commercial) may impose different deadlines for NPI Only, including requiring NPI Only earlier than May 23, 2008.

We want to let you know that the functionality for NPI Only is supported only in Version 9.0 of the Compulink Advantage software. **Therefore, it is very important for you to upgrade to Version 9.0 and do so in plenty of time to meet the requirements of your local payers.**

We're sure you will understand the importance of upgrading and will want to move forward quickly. At the present time, our Customer Care team is contacting all our electronic claims clients on Version 8.1, including you, to schedule the upgrade to Version 9.0. We expect to finish contacting all such clients within the next 60 days. **During this period, we ask that you wait for us to contact you and do not call us so we can maintain our schedule.** It is the client's responsibility to stay current on their local payers' billing requirements, including NPI Only. Should you have a payer that is requiring NPI Only prior to March 15, 2008, please contact us to schedule an earlier upgrade. We do ask that you provide written documentation from the payer stating their earlier deadline.

To learn more about the Version 9.0 update process:

- Please visit our web site, www.compulink-software.com, and under Quick Links, click on: **9.0 Version required for NPI Only May Deadline.**
- Attend the mandatory **9.0 Overview** WebEx class. Register on our web site here: **Services>Training>Internet Based Training.** See above Quick Link for other related WebEx classes.

Sincerely,

EDI DEPARTMENT
Compulink Business Systems, Inc.