

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR Kaiser Permanente Affiliated Community Practitioners

## **National Provider Identifier (NPI)**

Beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) will require that HIPAA covered entities use the National Provider Identifier (NPI) to identify health care providers in electronic transactions. Concurrently, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will allow this 10-digit numeric NPI to be used in Medicare/Medicaid transactions for providers with valid UPIN/MPIN numbers, without having to refer to those numbers as well. When the NPI is implemented, covered entities will use only the NPI to identify health care providers in all electronic transactions. This change will improve the efficiency of the electronic transmission of health information, especially for billing and claims.

As of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Kaiser Permanente – Georgia will not be able to process any electronic claims that do not contain this number. If you have not already applied for your individual (Type 1) and your organization/group (Type 2) NPI, applications & instructions may be accessed at:

## https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov

In order to ensure there is no impact or delay in your claims payment, it is important that you submit your individual and organization/group NPI numbers to Kaiser Permanente as soon as possible. You may email this information to us at the following email address:

## ga.npi@kp.org

When emailing your information, please provide the provider's name and Type 1 NPI number, provider's email address (if different from the group), organization/group name and Type 2 NPI number, along with the tax identification number and group email address.

Or, you may complete the information below for each provider and fax this form to the Provider Contracting & Network Development Department at (404) 364-4883.

Provider Name:	
Provider NPI Number (Type 1):	
Provider Email Address:	
(if different from the group)	
Organization/Group Name:	
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Organization/Group NPI Number (Type 2):	
Tax Identification Number:	
Organization/Group Email Address:	