



HIPAA UPDATE JUNE 2005

HIPAA! For more information including answers to frequently asked questions, educational materials, information on the law, regulations and enforcement go to our **Website** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2>.

HIPAA Security Questions & Answers

Five new HIPAA Security questions were recently added to the FAQ section of our website. Click here:

http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_1va=&p_li=&p_page=1&p_cat_lvl1=2&p_cat_lvl2=25

National HIPAA Roundtable

CMS will host a National HIPAA National Provider Identifier (NPI) Roundtable conference call on **June 22, 2005** at 2:00PM ET. The call in number is **1-877-203-0044** and the identification number is **5580682**. No cost or registration required.

New HIPAA Security Educational Paper Series

We have now posted *five* papers in our HIPAA Security Educational Paper Series. The *five* papers are currently available: “**Security 101 for Covered Entities**”, “**Security Standards-Administrative Safeguards**”, “**Security Standards – Physical Safeguards**”, “**Security Standards-Technical Safeguards**” and “**Security Standards-Organizational, Policies and Procedures and Documentation Requirements**”. When a new paper in the series is available, it will be immediately posted to the website.

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Latest News

Starting May 23, 2005, all health care providers can apply for their National Provider Identifier (NPI). The NPI will replace health care provider identifiers in use today in standard health care transactions. The health plans with whom you do business will instruct you as to when you may begin using the NPI in standard transactions. All HIPAA covered entities except small health plans must begin using the NPI on May 23, 2007; small health plans have until May 23, 2008. For additional information, and to complete an application, visit <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> on the web.

Also, an instructional web tool, called the NPI Viewlet, is now available for viewing at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/npi/npiviewlet.asp> and under “HIPAA Latest News” at www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2 on the CMS website. This tool provides an overview of the NPI, a walkthrough of the application, as well as live links to the NPPES website where the learner can apply for an NPI. This tool is designed for all health care providers. In the near future, you will also be able to access the viewlet at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> on the web.

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The Administrative Simplification Enforcement Tool (ASET) is an electronic compliance tool to assist health care providers, payers, clearinghouses and others submit complaints related to violations of the HIPAA regulations for transactions and code sets, security and unique identifiers. If you would like to file a HIPAA complaint, go to the CMS **website** and click on the link for HIPAA Enforcement.

View HIPAA Presentations

Presentations can be viewed via your own computer at your own pace for FREE. To access these presentations, click on the following link: http://www.eventstreams.com/cms/tm_001/

You can choose any of the following presentations:

- 1) Message to Providers
- 2) HIPAA Basics
- 3) Provider Steps to Getting Paid
- 4) HIPAA Security
- 5) CMS Enforcement of TCS
- 6) 837 for Professional Claims
- 7) 837 for Institutional Claims

CMS HIPAA 101 Video and CD-Rom:

HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets videos are still available.

Order online for only \$13.00 at <http://www.ntis.gov>.

CONTACT US WITH YOUR HIPAA QUESTIONS

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