

**WEDI is conducting an NPI audio conference on
Thurs., Feb. 21, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (CST).**

**To participate in this audio conference:
Call 1-877-518-4272, then enter the following Pass Code: 312-653-8638.**

SUBJECT: “A Snapshot of NPI Implementation as the Contingency Period Draws to a Close”

DATE: Thurs., Feb. 21, 2008

TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:30 p.m. (Central Time) / 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Mountain Time

TARGET AUDIENCE: Providers (billing and rendering), provider billing office managers, provider information technology staff, health plans

FORMAT: This 90 minute audiocast will include insightful presentations by expert speakers, providing important news on the issues of going live with NPI-only identifiers. The panel will speak to the current low use of NPI-only identifiers on HIPAA transactions, use of NPIs in non-claim transactions, and issues arising upon use of NPI in the X12N 835 transaction. Approximately 45 minutes of the audiocast will be devoted to answering caller questions.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED:

The audiocast will provide overviews on the following topics:

- ***NPI Only Successes*** – Hear about Mayo Clinic's NPI Only successes, what steps they took to facilitate success, what challenges they encountered, challenges remaining on the horizon, and lessons learned.
- ***Dual-Identifier Use*** – Discussion points from a provider perspective will include: *How long will we go? How do we partner with our Claims Clearing House? What is the plan to move to NPI only?*
- ***The Current State of NPI from a Payer Perspective*** – WPS will provide a snap shot of where they are within their various lines of business in light of the fast-approaching end of the contingency period.

SPEAKERS:

Michael Apfel (*Moderator*), Chief Privacy Officer, Truman Medical Centers

Laurie Darst, Senior Electronic Claims/HIPAA Coordinator, Electronic Commerce Unit, Mayo Clinic

Laurie Burckhardt, EDI Department Manager, WPS Insurance

Barbara Gerke, Senior Applications Analyst, Carondelet Health Network

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