NPI Readiness of the Chain Pharmacy Industry

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Issues

- Enumeration
- Physician IDs
- Processing of Claims
- Implementation Dates

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Enumeration

- **Information sent to NCPDP**
  - ☐ Waiting for process to begin
  - ☐ Not a serious concern
  - ☐ Possible requests for multiple IDs
    - ☐ Solutions
      - ▪ Bill with different BIN/PCN combination
      - ▪ Use place of service codes

Prescriber IDs

- **Obtaining Prescriber IDs**
  - Standardized lists
    - Format of lists
    - Cross-Referenced
    - Break down of lists
  - Not all prescribers will have an ID
    - Ensure prescribers obtain IDs
    - How to bill
  - Need dissemination guidance from CMS

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Claims Processing

- Pharmacies process 4 billion claims on-line annually
- Would make Medicare Part D look like a minor "bump" in comparison
- Should roll out gradually
- Adjudicate claims using DEA or NPI number for several months ....soft edit
- Message back NPI number if on file
- Monitor integrity of data during this period of time before hard edits put into place.

Implementation Date

- May 23, 2007
- Feasibility of date
- Need time to program systems
- Too many unanswered questions
- Need dissemination notice
- Start enumeration process

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