A Message to

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Memo No. 23-06

TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

FROM: Michael S. Zollenberg
Director, Hospital and Ancillary Services

DATE: September 11, 2006

SUBJECT: SECOND REQUEST: NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER

We are writing to remind you of our effort to obtain your hospital's National Provider Identifier(s) (NPIs) and record it in our processing systems prior to the May 23, 2007 compliance date mandated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

No Record of Your Response to Initial NPI Mailing:

We sent you our initial NPI bulletin, on May 19, 2006. Enclosed with that bulletin was a document entitled "National Provider Identifier (NPI) - Frequently Asked Questions" and a pre-populated NPI Submission Form. The NPI Submission Form included your provider number(s) currently reflected in our records.

To date we have not received a response from your hospital. Enclosed for your convenience is a copy of the original NPI submission form pre-populated with information from our records. Please use the enclosed submission form to report your NPI.

Advantages to You and AmeriHealth:

While we understand that you have until May 23, 2007, to obtain an NPI(s), the submission of your NPI number(s) at this time will facilitate:

- Our ability to load your NPI(s) into our processing systems prior to the HIPAA compliance date;
- The development and testing of a reliable crosswalk, linking your hospital's NPI(s) to your existing provider identification number(s) in our system; and
- Accurate and streamlined processing of claims using your NPI(s) by the HIPAA compliance date.

We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.

Submitting Your NPI:

Please return the completed NPI Submission Form, along with a copy of your hospital's NPI confirmation(s), **no later than October 15, 2006** to:

Charlene Misak
Fax: 215-238-7903

The NPI Submission Form must be signed and dated by the designated representative authorized to sign on behalf of your organization. Please reference the submission instructions provided with dated May 19th, 2006

We greatly appreciate your immediate response to this request. This initiative will help ensure that your NPI(s) are loaded into our processing systems prior to May 23, 2007. If you have any questions about the NPI or the NPI application process, please contact your Hospital Service Coordinator or the Hospital Services Department at 856-778-6500 or 732-726-6700.

Enclosures