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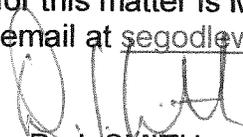
From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: All Navy Privileging Authorities

Subj: HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)
NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) TYPE 1 ENUMERATION POLICY
AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6320.66D

Encl: (1) Facility Implementation Guidance with attachments

1. This letter establishes and implements Navy Medicine's policy for the enumeration of individual health care providers as required by the HIPAA (P.L. 104-191) National Provider Identifier (NPI) final rule (45 CFR, Part 162).
2. Health care providers who conduct HIPAA standard electronic transactions are classified as "covered providers." Individual providers such as physicians, nurses, dentists and pharmacists must apply for an individual NPI Type 1. Navy policy requires the NPI Type 1 be obtained at the time of re-privileging, but not later than 23 May 2007. This policy will be incorporated into an upcoming change to reference (a).
3. Enclosure (1) provides policy guidance and detailed instructions, and was previously provided to your Professional Affairs Coordinator. The enclosure provides Facility Implementation Guidance along with Instructions for Obtaining and Maintaining NPI Type 1 for MHS Individual Health Care Providers, National Provider Identifier Application/Update Form CMS-10114, HIPAA Taxonomy Codes, and the HHS Dear Provider letter. BUMED point of contact for this matter is Ms. Stazy Godlewski, who may be reached at (202) 762-3194 or by email at segodlewski@us.med.navy.mil.


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