

The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary PHO Newsletter  
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The NYEE PHO Newsletter disseminates articles of interest and classifieds to participating physicians only.

**WELLCARE REFERRAL PROCESS CHANGE**

*Did you know that there has been a change to the New York referral process?*

Providers no longer need to fill out and fax a referral form in order to refer a member to a participating specialist.

For *In-Network Specialist Referrals/Consultations*, rendered in the office setting, the primary care physician should send a written or faxed script to the specialist describing the reason(s) for the consultation. The specialist must document the receipt of the request. No communication with the plan is necessary. **Prior Authorization Requests** require submission of the relevant clinical information to justify the medical necessity of the request.

**NEW CMS 1500 FORMS**

On the new CMS 1500, several fields have been added to accommodate the NPIs for referring, rendering, facility and billing providers. While CMS has not yet said when it will begin rejecting the old version of the form, it is best to begin using the new version as soon as possible to ease the transition to the use of NPI in claims submissions.

**Caution**

CMS has published two iterations of the new CMS 1500 form. The most effective way to know that you have a current CMS 1500 form to refer to the footer and locate the form control number. The proper control number is:  
OMB-0938-0999

	CMS 1500
Provider Type	NPI Field
Referring Provider	17B
Rendering Provider	24J, Lines 1-6
Facility	32A
Billing Provider	33A

**CREDENTIALING/RE-CREDENTIALING APPLICATIONS**

If you are in receipt of Credentialing/Recredentialing application(s) or additional credentials request, you can now forward your application(s) to the PHO and we will complete them. Please review, sign and mail the app to the PHO office.

**PROVIDER PROFILES UPDATES & CHANGES**

If you are requesting changes to your profile with your participating insurance carrier such as: additional service locations, billing address and/or deleting demographics you can fax your request in writing to the PHO. The PHO will forward your information to the carriers and ensure that the changes have been made

**Empire Medicare Services Part B**

**New York Training Calendar**

*Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Ophthalmology – Stony Brook- 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Ophthalmology –Manhattan  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Evaluation & Management  
Documentation Guidelines  
Teleconference*

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**NEW CLAIMS FORMS AND GUIDELINES**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has changed its submission forms. Please familiarize yourself with the changes to ensure a seamless transition for you and other carriers systems so that there are no delays in processing your claims going forward.

To allow for the inclusion of HIPAA-mandated unique National Provider Identifiers (NPIs), the CMS 1500 (formerly HCFA 1500) is being updated to a new version

SAVE THE DATE!!! UP COMING SEMINAR: COMPLIANCE IN A PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE

Look out for the flyer.....

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