

DPW Suspends NPI Registration Deadline

In response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announcement of contingency guidance for entities that have not secured National Provider Identifiers (NPI) by the implementation deadline of May 23, the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) has suspended its NPI registration deadline of April 16. CMS has not granted an extension of the deadline, however, the enforcement process will be complaint driven and implementation of contingency plans with evidence of good faith efforts to achieve compliance will be reviewed individually to determine whether a provider is noncompliant. In effect, providers have until May 2008 to comply, but they must establish evidence of attempts at compliance. Providers are encouraged to secure and register NPIs as soon as possible to minimize potential problems with claims after May 22.

DPW NPI Registration Statistics by Date and Selected Provider Type

Provider Type 8 – Clinic

Date	Total	Registered	Validated	Percent Ready
3/16/07	2270	213	138	1.03
3/23/07	2272	257	162	7.13
3/30/07	2271	281	183	8.06
4/6/07	2281	376	246	10.78

Provider Type 11 – Mental Health/Substance Abuse

3/16/07	2605	108	54	2.07
3/23/07	2607	132	72	2.76
3/30/07	2610	159	105	4.02
4/6/07	2944	211	132	4.48

Provider Type 52 – Community Residential Rehabilitation

3/16/07	44	6	4	9.09
3/23/07	48	7	4	8.33
3/30/07	51	7	5	9.80
4/6/07	52	7	6	11.54

Provider Type 56 – Residential Treatment Facility

3/16/07	193	4	3	1.55
3/23/07	192	4	3	1.56
3/30/07	181	7	3	1.66
4/6/07	181	8	3	1.66