IMPORTANT DATE: April 6, 2007

This is the date by which all House Officers (residents and fellows) must have an NPI number. This timing will allow for UM systems and databases to be fully functional by the state-mandated implementation date of May 23, 2007.

Use of the National Provider Identifier (NPI), is another facet of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). It is a unique number for each health care provider (e.g. physicians, residents/fellows in training, other healthcare practitioners). The NPI is a ten digit number linked to billable patient care activity and its use is effective May 23, 2007. The State of Michigan has further clarified use of the NPI number for all prescriptions and Medicaid billable activities.

The following documents were distributed to the Program Coordinators to facilitate electronic application for the NPI number:

- GME Data Request Form (to query house officers that may already have an NPI number)
- Program-specific Taxonomy Code list
  Taxonomy Codes are also called Specialty Codes, and are the 9-digit numbers assigned under the HIPAA. The taxonomy codes allow a single provider (individual, group or institution) to identify their areas of specialization.
- State of Michigan policy regarding NPI on prescription drug claims
- MedHub program-specific data elements to help with applying for NPI numbers
- NPI Application Form (NOTE: for data collection and file purposes only. The NPI must be requested electronically only in order to meet the April 6, 2007 deadline). The web link to the NPI on-line application is located through The National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) web page at url
  https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart

Copies of these documents (except for the MedHub program-specific data elements) will be posted on our GME website.

If you have any problems meeting this April 6th deadline or issues occur with the application process, please contact the GME Office immediately and ask to speak directly with Clarissa Hunter (764-3186).