



**TO: Pharmacy Providers, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Dental Providers, Physician Assistants, Optometrists, Podiatrists, Long Term Care Providers, Clinics, and Hospitals**  
**RE: Florida Prescriber's DEA License Suspension**

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It has come to the Department's attention that the following Florida physician has had their controlled substance registrations suspended:

**Dr. Leonard Haimes**, at 5457 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Lic # ME7603 (Emergency Suspension 10/15/2012) **NPI#1548390214**.

Any pharmacy claim submitted with the NPI number listed above on or after 12/1/12, will be denied.

Please be advised that any prescription or refill that results in a paid claim due to the use of another prescriber's NPI number may be subject to recoupment and if determined to be a *False Claim*, may be prosecuted as such.

Note that any claim paid by DSS as a result of a prescription issued from a prescriber or provider that is deemed not eligible, excluded, or not currently/properly licensed is also subject to recoupment.

All pharmacists, pharmacies, pharmacy owners, and corporate headquarters are responsible for verifying prescriber eligibility.

Prescriber eligibility verification can be accomplished through the use of several resources, including, but not limited to:

- U.S. Dept. of Justice Registration validation website:  
<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/webforms/validateLogin.jsp>
- State Licensing Boards telephone contact list:  
<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg/statbrd.htm>
- The federal exclusion list:  
<http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>
- State of Florida licensing website:  
<https://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/irm00praes/PRASLI/ST.ASP?ACTION=RETURN#theBottom>

As a provider, you are responsible to determine current licensure, suspensions, exclusions, and reinstatements.

#### **Institution/Organization NPI Denials**

It has also come to the Department's attention that in certain cases the NPI of the institution/organization rather than the individual prescriber's NPI have been used to obtain a paid claim. Claims using these NPI numbers will post edit 0206, "Prescribing provider number not a valid format."

