



TO: Pharmacy Providers

RE: Expansion of the NCPDP Response Segment to Support NCPDP D.0 Reject Codes

This bulletin serves to inform pharmacies that, effective October 15, 2012, the Department of Social Services (DSS) and HP will expand our National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) response segment to accommodate the initial annual implementation of the External Code List (ECL). The implementation to occur October 15, 2012 will support ECL publications up to and including October 2011.

The expansion will allow for three (3) character response codes to be returned in conjunction with the two (2) character codes currently in use in order to support new NCPDP version D.0 reject codes, as well as any additional codes that may be added in future releases of the ECL. The new reject codes offer distinct messaging associated to specific reject scenarios and will continue to be returned in NCPDP field 511-FB.

In order to ensure a smooth transition to the use of three character response codes, we request that pharmacy providers verify their ability to receive the expanded D.0 reject codes with their corporate office or software vendor prior to the October 15 implementation.

