

HBMA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STATUS REPORT

Date of Issue	Description of Issue	Status/Date	Resolved
1/1/06	NPI - Availability of Referring Physician Numbers	11-26-2006 CMS is aware of the need and is exploring a solution to make NPI numbers available publicly	
11/15/06	CRNA Medicare Enrollment - NPI Required - Carrier assumes that CRNA can only assign to one entity.	Contacted CRNA Organization to advise them of this issue.	12/19/2006
11/13/06	Transmittal 173 - Provides 30 days (prior to physician start date) limit to apply for Medicare number. Carriers get 90 to 180 days to process application, creating a cash flow delay while app is in process.	HBMA committee discussion.	
11/13/06	Trailblazer issued contradictory informaton to 173, 90 day's until physican can call enrollment inquiry, extended turnaround times. Trend?	HBMA committee discussion.	
11/3/06	HBMA NPI Survey - Requested by CMS Stan Nachimson	Provided to Stan, copy will be sent to Dr. Rogers.	12/19/2006
11/3/06	Carrier Satisfaction Survey - Conduct a HBMA shadow survey to validate results of the CMS MCSS survey.	HBMA committee discussion. How to administer survey to membership? Formulate instructions. B. Burleigh, D. Rodden, L. Johnson, T. Karhu, B. Finerfrock	
11/3/06	Medicare Fee Schedule Changes	Educating Membership as available.	12/19/2006
11/22/06	Contact "touch" List. Create a database of important contacts within congress and regulatory agencies. Distribute information, i.e. Washington Report, Billing, to these folks.	B. Finerfrock, B. Lund	
11/22/06	2007 Workplan - Target completion Jan. 2007	R. Roat, B. Reiter, B. Lund, B. Finerfrock	

