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Register your NPI Number! The NPI deadline is May 23, 2008!

Visit <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES> and search the NPI Registry to verify the listing of your *Other Provider Identifiers*. It is very important that you list all unique numbers, e.g. Medicare PIN, UPIN, Medicaid Number, Railroad Medicare Number, Supplier Number, Blue Cross Number, and any other number that is unique for an insurance company. You may experience claim rejections if your unique numbers are not registered.

The NPI Registry enables you to search for a provider's NPPES information. All information produced by the NPI Registry is provided in accordance with the NPPES Data Dissemination Notice. You may run simple queries to retrieve this read-only data. For example, users may search for a provider by the NPI or Legal Business Name. There is no charge to use the NPI Registry.

Insurance companies may also require you to register your NPI number directly with them, e.g. California Medi-Cal. Please visit their website <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/> and register your NPI number, it may take more than 24 hours for the registration to take effect.

To avoid future claim rejections, please visit all of your primary insurance companies websites. They generally have a "What's New" or "Newsroom" section that lists their new information articles. This is a good way to keep your office updated with the latest information and requirements from the individual insurance companies.

Electronic Submissions to HCMG, CPMG, and CHOICE!

Send your claims electronically to HCMG (Hemet Community Medical Group), CPMG (Children's Physicians Medical Group), and CHOICE in the HIPAA compliant format over the Internet through the **TCXMED** application. If you have not already purchased the **TCXMED**, call our office at 951-688-8100 and request a **TCXMED** demonstration.

Appointment Reminder Expansion

The appointment reminder expansion module is a sophisticated software package that is totally integrated into the **TCXMED** application. Reminders can be sent directly from the **TCXMED** appointment book. They can be programmed to be sent at any time to patient email accounts, home phones, or cell phones. The results of the reminder are reported directly back to the **TCXMED** appointment book, and any voice message left by the patient can be listened to directly from any computer accessing the **TCXMED** appointment book.

Stay Informed!

Stay informed! Sign up for email updates from your insurance companies. If you do not have an email address, SIGN UP FOR ONE! There are many free email services available, e.g. yahoo, gmail, hotmail, etc. sign up for one today. Insurance companies are no longer mailing Newsletters or Bulletins, they are now emailing and posting the information on their websites. NHIC Medicare will email you updates on a weekly basis with updated fee schedules and physician program updates, etc. Keep your office INFORMED!



TCXMED User Meeting and Luncheon

Tele Comm is happy to announce that our first **TCXMED** User Meeting and Luncheon will be held in March 2008. All users of **TCXMED** are invited to attend this meeting, meet fellow **TCXMED** users, gather ideas and troubleshooting techniques, learn tips and techniques about using the software, and see new features that have been added. Lunch will be served to all attendees after the meeting. Look for more information regarding the meeting in your email inbox soon!

Tele Comm is...going GREEN!

In an effort to reduce and eventually eliminate paper, Tele Comm Computer Systems, Inc. is going GREEN! Our office is transitioning to a totally paperless environment by January 1, 2009. At that time we will have a paperless Invoicing and payment system in place and all correspondence from Tele Comm, including the Tele Comm Times, will only be sent by email. If you need assistance setting up an email account, call us and we can help. We are encouraging ALL offices to GO GREEN with their billing system and the TCXMED application can help you achieve that goal. Call us today for more information.



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