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Dear Provider,

Effective January 2, 2007 the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans affiliated with Health Care Service Corporation, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), will be able to accept the revised version of the CMS-1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (version 08/05) which accommodates the reporting of the National Provider Identifier number. BCBSTX's adoption of the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) is as follows:

- **January 2, 2007** – BCBSTX will accept *both* the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) *and* the current CMS-1500 (12/90).
- **April 1, 2007** – BCBSTX will *only* accept the revised CMS-1500 (08/05). The current CMS-1500 (12/90) will be rejected.

As an example, on the new paper claim form your NPI number must be placed in field 33a, and your BCBSTX provider number must be placed in field 33b as shown below:

26. FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER	27. SIGN OR	28. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO.	29. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (Do you bill for this service?)	30. TOTAL CHARGE	31. AMOUNT PAID	32. BALANCE DUE
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	\$	\$	\$
33. SIGNATURE OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREE OR CREDENTIALS (If words that the statements on this invoice apply to this bill and are made past thereof.)		34. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION		35. BILLING IDENTIFIER & PH#		
SIGNED _____ DATE _____				NPI _____ BCBSTX ID _____		

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If you do not have your NPI number and wish to use the new claim form, please ensure your BCBSTX provider number is placed in field 33b preceded by the "1B" qualifier. BCBSTX has provided further information about NPI and the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) form, on the BCBSTX Web site at http://www.bcbstx.com/NPI_main.html.

For additional information on the revised claim form, please visit the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) Web site at www.nucc.org. For additional information on how BCBSTX is implementing NPI, visit the Provider Library on our Web site at www.bcbstx.com

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas