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EDI Workshops Schedule Announced

We have had an over whelming response to our EDI Workshops provided in Kansas and the Kansas City area. We have added several new locations this year. Some topics included in this year's workshops are:

- EDI solutions
- HelpDesk tips
- Electronic transactions
- ASK and BCBSKS Internet

Immediately following the EDI Workshop, we will provide the "Advanced Options" training for our PC-ACE Pro32 software users.

Seating will be limited in most locations so early enrollment is recommended. We request that each site limit themselves to two attendees.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the workshop running from 9 a.m. to noon.

[Workshop Enrollment](#)

We look forward to seeing you in 2008!

NPI Update for EDI Midwest

EDI Midwest Commercial Claims Clearinghouse customers should begin sending the NPI on all claims as soon as possible.

- Beginning April 7 - claims received without the NPI will receive the warning edit:
C002 – "No NPI submitted – Begin submitting immediately".

If you receive this edit, please update your system with the NPI and notify ASK of the new number with an [EDI Change Form](#).

Some payers may require legacy provider numbers until 5/23/2008, therefore trading partners should continue to send legacy provider numbers with the G2 qualifier until 5/23/2008.

NPI will be required on all commercial claims beginning 5/18/2008. Also, the G5 qualifier with the Tax ID will continue to be required on all EDI Midwest commercial claims.



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Free Claim Submission for PHP

Did you know you could send claims to Preferred Health Professionals (PHP) at no charge? PHP accepts claims for:

- Preferred Health Professionals (PHP)
- Preferred Health Professionals PPO (PHP PPO)
- Freedom Network
- Freedom Network Select
- Health Partners of Kansas (HPK)
- Mo-Kan Sheet Metal Workers Welfare Fund

Claims for all payers can be sent using Payer ID 00023.

Submission of the Employer's Identification and Social Security Numbers

The submission of the Employer's Identification Number, EI qualifier, and/or the Social Security Number, SY qualifier, structure is validated on the EDI Front End.

When submitting an EI with no dash (-) it must be 9 digits long. When submitting an EI with a dash, the dash must be in the third position and the length must be 10 characters.

When submitting an SY with no dashes (-) it must be 9 digits long. When submitting an SY with dashes, a dash must be in the 4th and 7th position and the length must be 11 characters.

Our companion documents are located at:

<http://www.ask-edi.com/vendors/compdocs.htm> and

<http://www.bcbsks.com/Customerservice/Providers/EDI/compdocs.htm>