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CMS to deactivate NPIs where NPES info conflicts with IRS data

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is currently auditing organizational (Type 2) health care provider data submitted to the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPES). Specifically, a comparison of NPES-IRS data is being conducted to ensure that the legal business name (LBN) and employer identification number (EIN) listed with NPES is accurate and consistent with information on file with the IRS.

CMS has mailed letters to organizational (Type 2) health care providers with an EIN/LBN combination on file with NPES that is different from the information maintained by the IRS. Providers who receive a letter from CMS should update their LBN and/or EIN in NPES immediately, as CMS has indicated the NPI in NPES will be deactivated for all providers who are unable to produce information that matches IRS data.

Please be advised that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma will deactivate any NPI that is deactivated by CMS. *If your NPI is deactivated, you will experience problems when submitting electronic claims to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma or conducting other standard transactions such as claim status, benefits and eligibility inquiries.*

To view or update your NPI data in NPES, go to the NPI Registry at <https://npes.cms.hhs.gov>. For more information about NPI, go to the CMS Web site at www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand. You also may continue to visit the NPI section of our Web site at www.bcbsok.com/providers.html – just click on the NPI logo to gain access to a variety of online tools and resources, such as our NPI Communications Library, Frequently Asked Questions, an NPI Glossary and more.