

Dear NY Client

As I am sure you are aware, there have been a number of recent changes at the New York Medicaid office that will affect Prior Authorization forms and the submission of your claims. In an effort to keep you updated, please review the following information:

1. The new Prior Authorization form, *emdny389701*, is scheduled for use in Phase II, on March 23, 2005. Zoll Data Systems has a draft of this form, but the actual form and its specifications have not yet been released by Medicaid. As this revised form requires significant programming change, if Medicaid does not release shortly, the March implementation date will not be possible and for a period of time you may have to manually complete this form. In the interim, we will continue to check <http://www.emedny.org> daily to secure the specifications.
2. Also part of Phase II is the use of **eMedNY Exchange**. This introduces a new electronic file submission method. Medicaid states that: *"The eMedNY Exchange works like email: users are assigned an "inbox" and they are able to send and receive transaction files in an email-like fashion. Transaction files are "attached" and sent to eMedNY for processing and the responses are delivered to the user's inbox so they can be "detached" and saved on the user's computer. For security reasons, the eMedNY Exchange will be accessible only through the eMedNY website (www.emedny.org)."* It is important you enroll appropriately through this website. However, there are no changes needed to your RescueNet Billing set-up. The creation of the .dat file containing your batch submission will remain the same.

As a reminder, please make sure you are aware of these set-up and billing requirements as you submit claims under the ANSI format to ensure your claims are successfully adjudicated:

1. The Medicaid form must be configured to combine all legs.
2. When billing Medicaid for payment secondary to Medicare, round trips must be "merged" if they were previously "created from last leg" (break leg). Medicare requires you to "break" legs whenever the pick-up and drop-off location zip codes differ. Conversely, Medicaid requires these legs be submitted as a combined line.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at ProviderRelations@zolldata.com if you need further clarification.

Thank you.