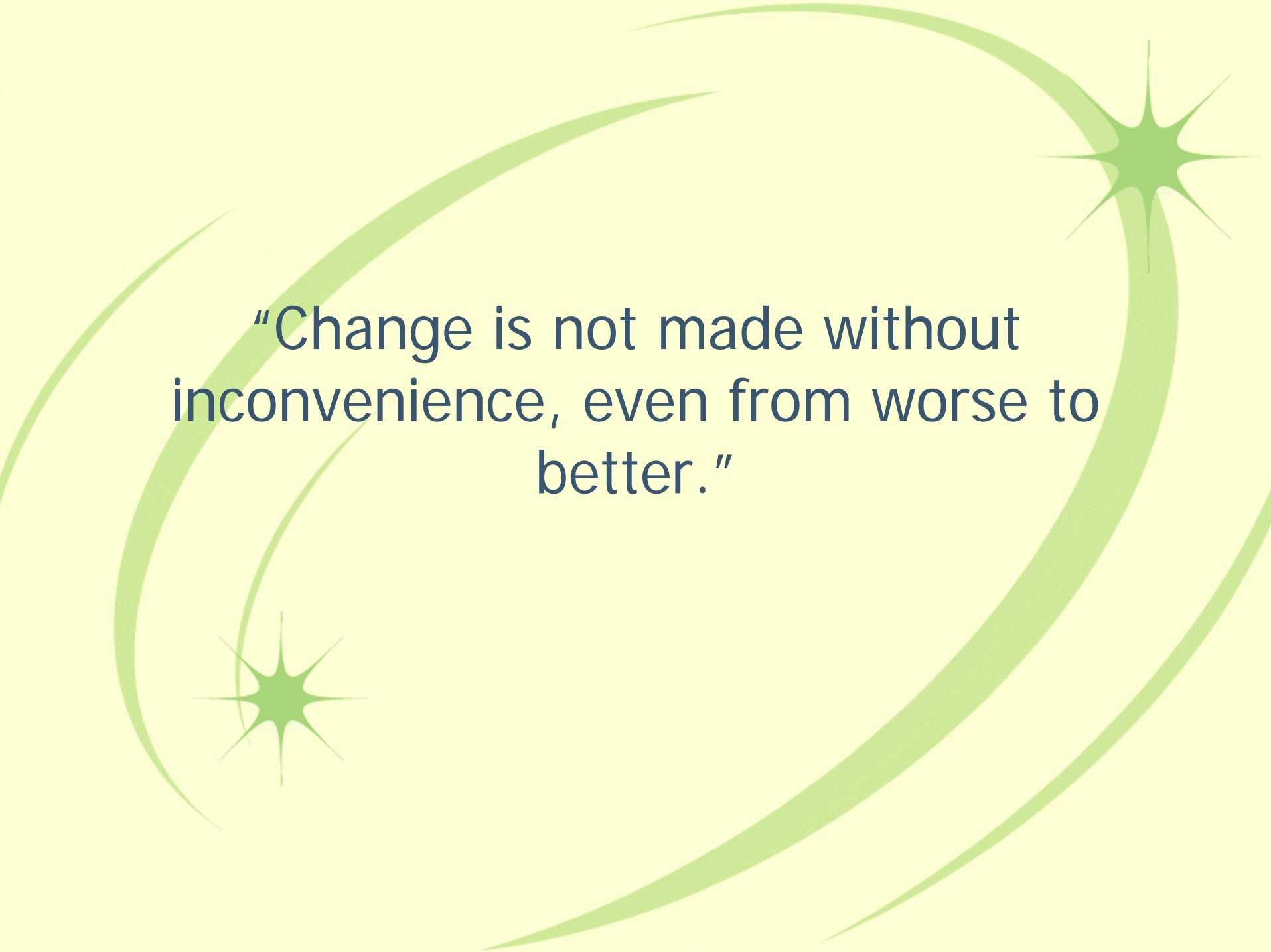




# HIPAA Strikes Again!

The National Provider Identifier



“Change is not made without  
inconvenience, even from worse to  
better.”

# HIPAA – Enacted August 21, 1996

- Privacy
- Security
- Electronic Standards and Code Sets
- Enforcement
- **National Provider Identifier**
- April 14, 2003
- April 21, 2005
- October 16, 2002 extended to 2003
- March 16, 2006
- **May 23, 2007**

# What is the National Provider Identifier (NPI) ?

- 10-digit unique numeric identifier
- Assigned by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System
- “Non-intelligent”
- Standard provider identifier established by federal rule for all HIPAA compliant transactions
- Assigned for life

# Who Gets an NPI?

1. **Health care providers** that are **covered entities** under HIPAA must
2. **Health care providers** that are not covered entities under HIPAA may
3. Providers that do not meet the HIPAA definition of **health care provider** cannot  
(Atypical Providers)



How Does this Affect LEAs?

(Apply the two-part test!)

- Does the LEA furnish, bill or receive payment for health care in the normal course of business AND . . .
- submit claims, eligibility inquiries, or prior authorization requests electronically (or use a business associate to do so)?
- The LEA must obtain an NPI

- Does the LEA furnish, bill or receive payment for health care in the normal course of business BUT . . .
- conduct covered transactions only on paper?
- The LEA may obtain an NPI

- Does the LEA only furnish, bill or receive payment for services that are not “health care”?
- Example:
  - Billing service only, no health care
- The LEA cannot obtain an NPI
- No LEAs in Arkansas fall within this group.

# When Will the NPI be Implemented?

- **May 23, 2007**
- “Covered health care plans will use only the NPI to identify covered health care providers in all HIPAA covered transactions”
- Legacy identification numbers will not be permitted

# How Do LEAs Obtain an NPI?



# National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)

- Web-based application
- Paper application
- <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>
- 1-800-465-3203

# Information Required for LEAs

- LEA Name
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Name of Authorized Official (Superintendent)
- Phone # of Auth. Off.
- LEA Mailing Address
- Practice Location Address and Phone #
- Taxonomy
- Contact Person Name
- Contact Person Phone # and Email

## Helpful Tips:

- EIN – 9-digit tax identification number
- Taxonomy code for LEAs – 251300000X
- ONE TAXONOMY CODE ONLY!
- List ALL Medicaid Provider numbers in your application

# Helpful Tips for Applying On-Line:

- Get all of your information together first
- Use the application's navigation buttons - do NOT use the browser's buttons
- Print each page as you go
- You cannot save your application if you quit before it is completed

## We've Received Our NPI – Now What?

- Submit your assigned NPI to the Division of Medical Services (and other health plans) when notified
- Keep your NPI notification in a safe place
- Notify NPPES with 30 days of any changes to application information
- Require business associates to use NPI appropriately
- Begin using in standard transactions May 23, 2007

## An NPI will not:

- Eliminate or replace the provider enrollment process conducted by health plans
- Guarantee reimbursement by any health plan
- Convey covered entity status
- Assure licensure or credentials
- Require a health care provider to conduct standard transactions