

NPI News Update: April 3rd, 2008:

On January 1, 2007, Medicare implemented change request (CR) 5243, which required the submission of taxonomy codes on all claims submitted by institutional Medicare providers who submit claims for their primary facility and its subparts (such as psychiatric unit, rehabilitation unit, etc.). The intent of CR 5243 was to enable Medicare to appropriately crosswalk a provider NPI to each of the provider's subparts through the reporting of taxonomy codes in the claims.

In April 2008, Medicare determined that using taxonomy codes has been unsuccessful in obtaining a one-to-one match on the crosswalk for these providers having one NPI tied to multiple OSCAR (Online Survey Certification and Reporting System) Certification numbers.

As a result, the taxonomy code will no longer be part of the crosswalk criteria used to attempt to match an NPI and its OSCAR. Instead, the fiscal intermediary shared system (FISS) will use the matching criteria below to obtain a one-to-one match between an institutional Medicare provider's NPI and its OSCAR/Certification Number:

- First level of match: **Type of bill (TOB) to OSCAR/Certification Number**
If the system is unable to identify a valid match, the search will continue with the next level of match.
- Second level of match: **Revenue code to OSCAR/Certification Number**
If the system is unable to identify a valid match, the search will continue with the next level of match.
- Third and final level of match: **Facility ZIP code on the claim** This final level prompts the systems logic to limit the list of appropriate OSCAR numbers by matching the facility ZIP code on the claim against the ZIP code of the master address in the FISS provider address file.

Note: If the system is unable to make a valid match, the claim will suspend with reason code 32105, and the provider will receive an Additional Development Letter (ADR) for the facility to provide them with the Oscar number that goes with the subpart. The claims will suspend until the ADR is received and Medicare can process the claim.