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**Physician Practices Turn to Navicure For Growing NPI Needs**

*RCM vendor offers solutions that facilitate smooth transition to HHS standard by accommodating varying practice management system capabilities and payer requirements*

ATLANTA, August 1, 2006—Navicure, a leading provider of automated, Web-based revenue cycle management (RCM) solutions for physician practices, today announced the availability of a multi-faceted solution that can be used by physician practices to meet the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) requirements for the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The solution enables a physician practice to meet these requirements even if, for instance, its existing practice management system (PMS) does not allow NPIs to be sent with claims.

With the goal of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic transmission of health information, the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for healthcare providers, as well as the adoption of standard unique identifiers for health plans. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) to assign these unique identifiers and the final deadline for meeting NPI requirements is May 2007 for all covered entities.

"We feel that our NPI solution offers physician practices of all sizes a quick and easy solution to their growing NPI needs," said James M. Denny, Jr., president and chief executive officer for Navicure. "Going forward, we will continue to update the product in order to accommodate any new requirements or changes, so our customers can rest assured that there will be no interruption in claims submissions."

Navicure's automated, Web-based RCM solutions, which include claims management, electronic remittance posting and secondary claims processing, help physician practices quickly eliminate billing errors, identify payment trends and improve operational efficiency. All electronic transactions are processed in accordance with HIPAA's privacy and security requirements, and hundreds of EDI formats are supported—resulting in the ability to process a greater number of electronic transactions by reaching all payers who offer electronic capabilities.

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## **About Navicure**

Navicure provides automated, Web-based revenue cycle management (RCM) solutions that help physician practices improve operational efficiency and profitability. Serving thousands of physicians in practices nationwide, Navicure's solutions automate revenue cycle processes, including claims management, electronic remittance posting, secondary claims processing, advanced reporting, and ancillary services, such as patient statement processing, eligibility verification and data protection. For more information, please visit [www.navicure.com](http://www.navicure.com).

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