CMS FAQ: Insurer is Required to Obtain HPID for Fully Insured Health Plan

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (?ÃÂ£***CMS***?ÃÂ¥) issued a FAQ and quick reference guide outlining the process for a health plan to obtain a health plan identifier (?ÃÂ£***HPID***?ÃÂ¥). Among its guidance, CMS explains that for fully-insured plans, the insurer is treated as offering a controlling health plan (?ÃÂ£***CHP***?ÃÂ¥) and thus must obtain the HPID. The individual employer plans are sub health plans (?ÃÂ£***SHPs***?ÃÂ¥) to the fully-insured CHPs. The SHPs may obtain HPIDs, but are not required to. The CMS FAQ can be found **here**. The CMS quick reference guide can be found **here**.

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