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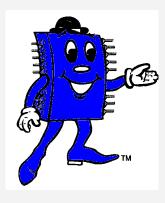
## Mr. Microchip Newsletter

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Mr. Microchip Software Center, Inc. (MMSC) is a leading provider of Benefit Fund Accounting Software for Multi-Employer Taft-Hartley funds in the country.

Our Window's based system called MFACCTS (Multi-Employer Funds Accounting System) is a state-of-the-art software package that includes the following modules:

Remittance Processing
Pension Fund Processing
Annuity Fund Processing
Eligibility Processing
Health Claims Processing
Vacation Fund Processing
Electronic Data Interchange
HIPAA Translators
HIPAA Post Office





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## What is National Medical ID Number?

Under the HIPAA Simplification Act, the government has the provisions to issue a National Medical ID Number for every American. This new Medical ID# is designed to be used in the medical field for identification purposes on an individual. The HIPAA EDI code is setup for this ID number. Unfortunately, the government has not issued this number yet. The original use of our Social Security number was designed to be used for retirement purposes.

The State of California past some sweeping legislation regarding the use of Social Security Numbers. It made it illegal to show or print Social Security numbers on medical enrollment cards, pension checks, medical checks, etc. As the saying goes, what California does, the nation follows its lead. All companies in California had to comply with the law, and many of the health Insurance companies that operate in different states made the changes mandatory across all of their customers knowing that these change will be forth coming by the rest of the states. Many of the major insurance companies have already made these changes, with the rest following in the next several months.

Since the government has not issued these ID numbers, the insurance companies have created their own National ID Numbers for each and everyone of their subscribers. Most of our Funds, using our MFACCTS computer software system, have created their own unique Medical ID Numbers and sent them to the insurance companies to be used on enrollment cards as well as all claims that are sent in for processing. The advantage of using your own 9 digit number is that you can then send this number to the other insurance carriers and your members will have only one ID number instead of many.

The Social Security Administration has indicated that any number starting with a 9 or 8 and having nine digits will never be used as a social security number. Most companies are using this theory and issuing 9 digit numbers starting with the number 9 or 8.

Since all claims will be coming in with only the National ID Number for identification purposes, you software system has to be capable of pulling up members and dependents using only the National ID Numbers. The members will be calling in using only their National ID Numbers. Our MFACCTS software can handle this task- can yours? Maybe it is time to give us a call and let us give you an analysis of your present system and get a proposal of what it will cost to go with the best in the industry. We can prove we have the best software and best staff.