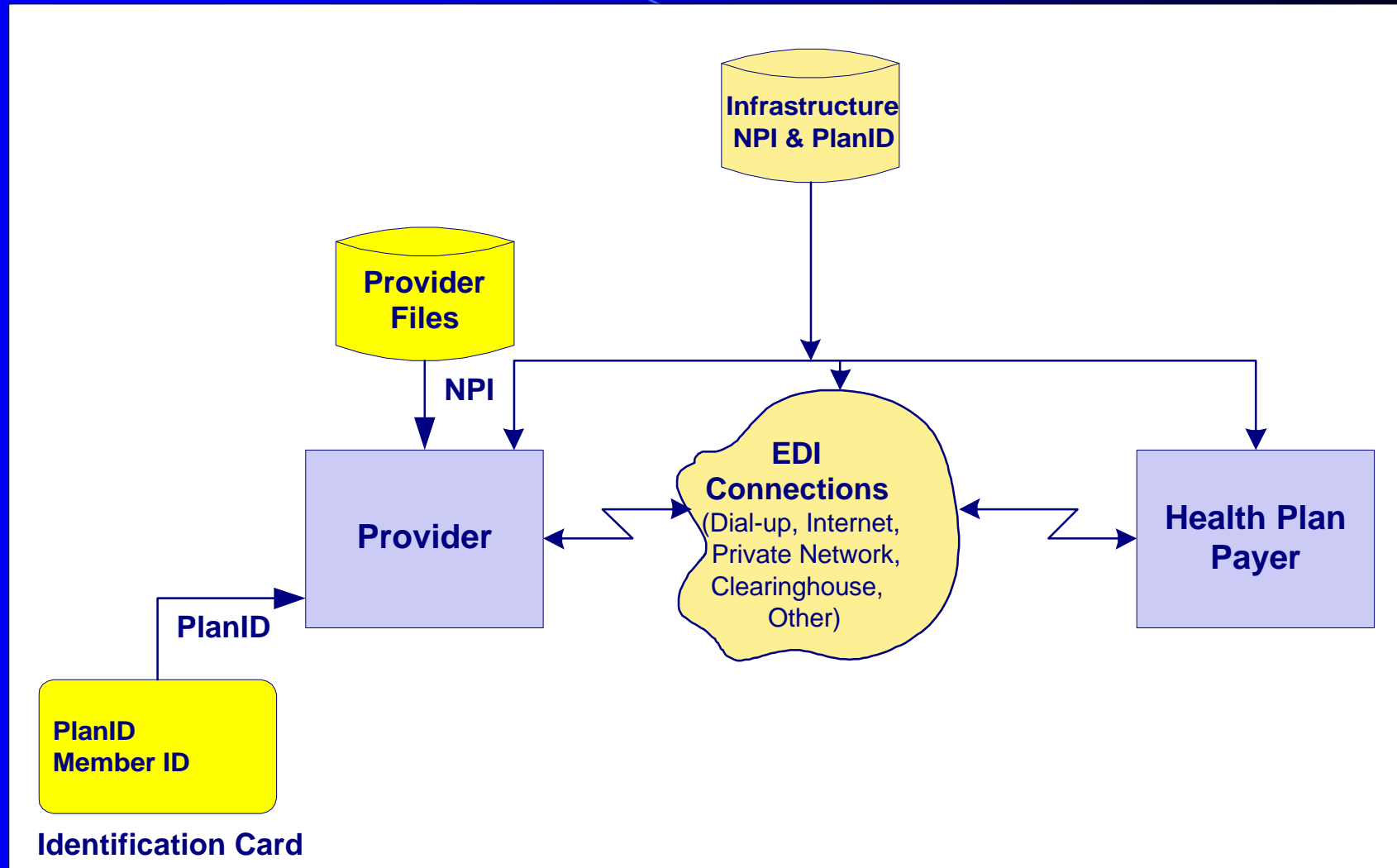


# National Health Care Identifiers



# National Provider Identifier

- Issued to individuals and organizations
- Multiple NPIs thru Organizational NPI
- Provider, not payer, controls application for NPI
- Optional for provider to get NPI, sort of
- Suggest payers encourage providers to get NPI

# National Provider Identifier

- But some providers will not have NPIs
- Expected to be 10 digits
- National NPI database to contain
  - N&A, telephone, etc
  - Provider Taxonomy code
  - Not expected to have EDI Address
  - Effective date of update

# National Provider Identifier

- Providers will apply for NPI, not be assigned
- Database will be maintained by providers or maintainers they delegate
- When? This year, maybe sooner than we think
- Not integrated with Digital Signature

# National Provider Identifier

- Means of making NPI database available
  - Real-time cached computer access
  - Replication to users' computers
  - Maybe periodic CD Rom
- Will the database have high accuracy and be up-to-date?

# National Health Plan Identifier (PlanID)

- PlanID issued to:
  - Payers
  - Self-funded group health plans
  - Insured group health plans (4 million)
  - Certain agents of plans such as TPAs, ASOs
- Expected that a plan can get more than one PlanID
- Mandatory for plan to get PlanID

# National Health Plan Identifier (PlanID)

- Health plans will apply for PlanID, not be assigned
- PlanID will be put on health identification cards
- Database will contain:
  - N&A, Description, etc.
  - EDI Addresses
  - Cross reference to other identifiers
  - Effective dates

# National Health Plan Identifier (PlanID)

- Computer system similar to NPI's, should be the same system.
- Why are insured group health plans included? (4,000,000)



# Other

- National Employer Identifier
- Unique health care identifier for individuals
- Major issue with NPI and PlanID
  - Have to implement before available
  - Means infrastructure built without them

