National Provider Identifier
Frequently Asked Questions

What is NPI?
HIPAA has mandated the adoption of a National Provider Identifier (NPI), a standard unique identifier for health care providers and organizations that are defined as covered entities under HIPAA.

All providers who transmit health information in electronic form via standard HIPAA electronic transactions are considered covered entities.

Who is affected by NPI?
All health care providers including dentists are eligible for an NPI and must use the number to identify themselves in HIPAA standard transactions.

When does this go into effect?
The regulation requires that health care providers send the NPI on electronic transactions as of May 23, 2007.

Each insurance company will most likely communicate when they will be capable of accepting only the NPI number and not their other identifiers.

How do I apply for NPI?
Requesting your NPI number is free. Here are a couple ways a provider can apply:
1. Complete the application online at https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov
3. Calling 1-800-465-3203 to request a copy of the application.

What Information do I need to have available when applying for the NPI?
- Individual Tax ID
- Employer ID (EIN) or (SSN)
- License Number & State of Issue
- Other Provider ID Numbers (if applicable)
  - UPIN: _____________________ State* _______________
  - Medicare: _____________________ State* _______________
  - Medicaid: _____________________ State* _______________
  - Other: _____________________ State* _______________
  *State is only required where applicable

Provider Taxonomy Code(s) (and state of issue): *If you do not know the taxonomy codes that apply to you, a list of codes can be found at http://www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy

Why do I need to comply with the NPI?
It is mandated by HIPAA and using the NPI will make doing business with your various insurance companies much easier. To avoid interruption in your claim payments please apply for your NPI number and begin using it once your insurance companies have given you the go ahead.

Even if you do not submit claims electronically, you are encouraged to obtain a NPI.
Does EagleSoft accommodate for the NPI? –
EagleSoft version 10.0 and higher has the ability of adding and using the NPI on electronic claims. Additional fields for NPI will be accommodated in a supplement to EagleSoft vs 13.0. Specific questions about setting up the NPI in your software can be answered by our eBusiness Support Team at 800.475.5036

Will there be a new claim form to accommodate the NPI?
There will be a new claim form released by the ADA. The new claim form will be incorporated in a future version of EagleSoft. It has not been determined if this claim form will be mandated for paper claims and this may vary by insurance company.

Will the NPI replace TIN or SSN?
No, the NPI will not replace the TIN or SSN. These numbers are still required for tax purposes.

Does the NPI replace the DEA number for prescriptions?
No, the NPI does not replace the DEA numbers.

Does my NPI expire?
Your NPI does not expire. Only in rare circumstances will you be able to obtain a replacement NPI (ie: fraudulent use)

What is the difference between a Type 1 and Type 2 NPI?

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<td>An individual dentist, including a sole proprietor, providing health care services.</td>
<td>An organization providing health care services, such as group practices, professional corporations, and clinics, including incorporated individuals.</td>
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<td>Apply using your Social Security Number (SSN)</td>
<td>Apply using the organization's Tax Identification Number (TIN). A dental practice that is incorporated is considered a Type 2 even if it employs only one dentist.</td>
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Individual Dentist/Sole Proprietor Entity Type 1

Incorporated Individual Dentist
Entity Type 1 (one for the individual) Entity Type 2 (one for the organization)

Organization/Group Practice with Multiple Providers
Entity Type 1 (one for each individual) Entity Type 2 (one for the organization)

Where can I get additional information about NPI?
You can visit the ADA’s website at [www.ada.org/goto/npi](http://www.ada.org/goto/npi) or the US Department of Health and Human Services at [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)