

Why You Need A National Provider Identifier

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Objectives

After attending this webinar, attendees will be able to:

- Understand what an NPI number is and how it is used
- Explain why obtaining an NPI number is important for all RDNs
- Understand how to obtain and maintain an NPI number

Outline

- What is an NPI?
- Why obtain an NPI?
- How to obtain an NPI
- NPI case study
- NPI FAQs
- Questions

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

- Unique 10 digit number used to identify health care providers and health plans
- Administered by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Why obtain an NPI?

- Helps RDNs be viewed as health care practitioners
- Allows insurance companies to see how many RDNs are available for services
- Most important: You need to bill insurance under your own NPI, even in a clinical setting
 - “Rendering” versus “billing” providers

How to obtain an NPI number

- Online application through [NPPES](#)
 - Paper application [also available](#)
- Taxonomy code for RDNs: 133V00000X
- Clinical nutrition manager may be a good resource
 - Difference between personal NPI and organizational NPI

Helpful links

[NPI Registry](#) - check to see if you already have an NPI number

[National Plan and Provider Enumeration System Homepage](#) - apply for NPI number

Miscellaneous NPI notes

- An NPI is forever
- Update your NPI when you change addresses, names, or jobs
 - Change online through [NPPES portal](#)
- But keep your NPI, even if you are not providing billable services!

NPI Case Study

- How to apply for an NPI number, step-by-step

NPI FAQs

- What if I don't render billable services - do I really need an NPI?
- What if my employer doesn't need me to have an NPI?
 - What if my employer prefers me **not** to have an NPI?
- What kind of NPI do I need?
 - Individual versus organizational

Public Policy Announcements

- **Day at the Statehouse - February 27, 2020**
 - Registration will open soon!
- **2019-2020 Public Policy Webinar Series**
 - Thanks for attending!
 - All webinars are recorded and available on the member-only portion of the [IAND website](#)
 - Topics: Licensure; Academy Legislative Priorities; Legislative Process Overview; Cases of Harm; NPI



Questions?

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