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](http://iand.org)
  ○ Topics: Licensure; Academy Legislative Priorities; Legislative Process Overview; Cases of Harm; NPI
Questions?

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