

## ***National Provider Identifier (NPI) number***

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Administrative Simplification Standard. The NPI is a unique identification number for covered health care providers. Covered health care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses will use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA. The NPI is a 10-position, intelligence-free numeric identifier (10-digit number). This means that the numbers do not carry other information about healthcare providers, such as the state in which they live or their medical specialty. Beginning May 23, 2007, the NPI must be used in lieu of legacy provider identifiers in the HIPAA standards transactions.

Licensed and unlicensed residents are eligible to obtain this number. Residents will be expected to apply for the number and provide it to their program.

It's free, it's easy to get and you will use this for the rest of your career. It takes about 20 minutes to apply.

- For Easy to Follow Instructions, Log onto: [www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/mpi/npiviewlet.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/mpi/npiviewlet.asp)
- To apply directly for your Provider Number: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>
- ***You must have your Social Security Number before applying. If you do not currently have a social security number, apply for your NPI number once you have obtained it.***
- If you do not have your Medical License, use : Student, Health Care (390200000X) as your Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code
- Once you have obtained your NPI, please make sure to provide this to your Program Director and Program Administrator.