



***National
Provider
Identifier
&
DSHS***

NPI – What is it?

- **REQUIRED**
 - for DSHS Health Care Professionals and organizational units that bill for reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare or Private Insurance
- **REPLACES**
 - Medicaid Texas Provider Identifier (TPI)
 - Medicare Number
 - Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN)
 - ID assigned by insurance companies
- **DOES NOT REPLACE**
 - Contract numbers
 - Comptroller ID number
 - License number

NPI – Key Terms

Enumeration	The process of obtaining an NPI from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPES)
Attestation	The process of informing Medicare, TMHP and private insurance companies of the NPI
Taxonomy Code	Designates the provider's type and specialty; <u>required</u> for enumeration, attestation and on claim submissions
Benefit Code	Is being used by TMHP to identify providers of state services that will have one NPI crosswalking to multiple TPIs. **NOT REQUIRED ON LAB CLAIMS**

DSHS - Professional Enumeration

- DSHS Health Care Professionals:
 - Are individuals/professionals within DSHS and the Regions that can be listed as a provider of services on bills submitted to Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance for covered services. These individuals will need to apply for an NPI.
 - To apply for the NPI, go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

DSHS - Professional Attestation

- Physicians, dentists and other individual providers are responsible for reporting their NPI to TMHP.
- To report the NPI to TMHP, go to <http://www.TMHP.com> and click on the link to the right that says “Attest an NPI”.
- Individual providers need to send a copy of their NPI email from NPPES to the HIPAA Project Office. The email address is hipaa.projectoffice@dshs.state.tx.us. Note: We only need this for providers employed by DSHS. We do not need it for contracting providers.

DSHS - Organizational Enumeration

- DSHS:
 - Is a covered health care provider with subparts and will allow each subpart to apply for an NPI. DSHS will request only 1 NPI.
- Regional Clinics:
 - Each Region will be considered a DSHS Subpart and will request only 1 NPI.
- State Hospitals:
 - Each State Hospital will be considered a DSHS Subpart and will request only 1 NPI for the hospital.
 - Each State Hospital Pharmacy will be considered a DSHS Subpart and will request only 1 NPI for the hospital pharmacy.
- Labs:
 - Each Lab will be considered a DSHS Subpart and will request only 1 NPI.

DSHS – Organizational NPI & Attestation Status

Entity	NPIs	Attestation
DSHS	Received	NA
Laboratories	All Received	Austin – complete WHL & STL pending
Regional Clinics	All Received	13 – complete 2 – pending
State Hospitals	All Received	Pending

Central office staff are completing the attestation process for these organizational units.

Lab Claims

Three types of Providers on Lab claims:

- Billing Provider:
 - The lab that is billing for reimbursement
- Performing/Rendering Provider:
 - The provider who performed the service at the lab
 - For DSHS, we use the Director or Supervising Physician of the lab
- Referring Provider:
 - Physician or provider who submitted the specimen to the lab
 - Must be an individual, not a facility
 - Can be the supervising physician of the person who actually collected the specimen

Lab Claims

- Submitted to Medicaid require:
 - Billing Provider:
 - Provider NPI and taxonomy code
 - Performing/Rendering Provider:
 - Provider NPI and taxonomy code
 - Referring Provider:
 - Provider NPI **only**.
- Submitted to Medicare require:
 - Provider NPIs. Taxonomy is not required
- Submitted to Private Insurance
 - Contact Insurance company for individual requirements

NPI – TMHP Implementation Schedule

Jan 22, 2007	NPI Attestation goes live on TMHP.com
May 21, 2007	Robust Dual Strategy implemented at TMHP
July/August 2007	Full NPI Implementation

CMS Contingency Plan Announcement

- **The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced on April 2, 2007 that it is implementing a contingency plan for covered entities (other than small health plans) who will not meet the May 23, 2007, deadline for compliance with the National Provider Identifier (NPI) regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.**

CMS Contingency Plan Announcement

- **What does this mean to DSHS and the State of Texas?**
 - **TMHP, HHSC, DSHS and DADS are in the process of determining if this announcement will have any impact on the current NPI implementation schedule.**

NPI Websites:

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>
- National Provider Identifier Standard (NPI)
 - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/>
- NPI Final Rule
 - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/NPIfinalrule.pdf>
- National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Application Instructions
 - <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.instructions>
- The complete Provider Taxonomy Code List is available at:
www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy

NPI Questions:

- Questions related to NPI can be sent to:
Hipaa.projectoffice@dshs.state.tx.us