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# National Provider Identifier

*Get It. Share It. Use It.*

As the industry transitions to NPI compliance by May 23, 2007, remember that there is no charge to get an NPI. Providers can apply online for their NPI, free of charge, by visiting <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or by calling 1-800-465-3203 to request a paper application.

The CMS NPI page, located at [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand), is the only source for official CMS education and information on the NPI initiative; all products located on this site are free.

CMS urges providers to include legacy identifiers, such as OMAP unique provider numbers, on their NPI applications, not only for Medicare but for all payers. If reporting a Medicaid number, include the associated state name.

If providers have already applied for their NPI, CMS asks them to go back into the NPPES and update their information with their legacy identifiers.

This information is critical for payers in the development of crosswalks to aid in the transition to the NPI.

## Register your NPI with OMAP

DHS has a dedicated Web page for NPI issues at <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/admin/hipaa/npi/main.shtml>. Among other things, you'll find a form to register your NPI with OMAP.

**OMAP needs to know your provider NPI by January 15, 2007.** We will also post a suggested taxonomy code table on this Web page as soon as it is available. So far only about 3% of our providers have registered their numbers with us.

## OMAP offers NPI forums

In October, OMAP is offering free forums to discuss how to do business with us using NPIs and taxonomy codes. If you have questions about who needs an NPI or which taxonomy codes are best to use in our payment system, come join us! Choose from 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. sessions at:

- **Eugene** — October 5, 2006  
NW Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta St
- **Portland** — October 18, 2006  
Hospitality Inn, 10155 SW Capitol Hwy
- **Salem** — October 26, 2006  
Employment Bldg, 875 Union St NE

Create a User Profile and register for your choice of forums online at <https://dhstraining.hr.state.or.us/training>. Search for "NPI" classes.

**Getting an NPI is free —  
not having one can be costly!**