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National Provider Identifiers Registry**

The Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for health care providers and health plans. The purpose of these provisions is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electronic transmission of health information. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) to assign these unique identifiers.

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<i>NPI</i>	1609454669	10-position all-numeric identification number assigned by the NPS to uniquely identify a health care provider.
<i>Entity Type</i>	Organization	Code describing the type of health care provider that is being assigned an NPI. Codes are: 1 = (Person): individual human being who furnishes health care; 2 = (Non-person): entity other than an individual human being that furnishes health care (for example, hospital, SNF, hospital subunit, pharmacy, or HMO).
<i>Is Organization Subpart</i>	Y	The "Is the organization a subpart?" question must be answered. If the organization is a subpart = , the Parent Organization Legal Business Name (LBN) and Parent Organization Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) fields must be completed. The Parent Organization LBN and TIN fields can only be completed if the answer to the subpart question is Yes. Many organization health care providers who apply for NPIs are not legal entities themselves but are parts of other organization health care providers that are legal entities (the "parents"). Here are three examples of organization health care providers that may be considered subparts and may apply for NPIs if so directed by their "parents": (1) The psychiatric unit in a hospital is not a legal entity but is part of the hospital (the "parent"), which is a legal entity. The legal entity must obtain an NPI. The psychiatric unit is an example of a subpart that could have its own NPI if the hospital determines that it should. (2) A group practice that is not a sole proprietorship has a main location and could have other offices in different locations, but each office is not a separate legal entity; instead, each office is part of the corporation (the "parent") which is a legal entity. The offices are examples of subparts that could have their own NPIs if the main location determines that they should. (3) A pharmacy fills prescriptions for patients whose physicians have prescribed medications for them and may also rent or sell durable medical equipment to patients whose physicians have ordered such equipment for them. Neither the pharmacy line of business nor the DME line of business represent legal entities; instead, both lines of business are part of an organization (the "parent") that is a legal entity. Each line of business represents a different Healthcare Provider Taxonomy or area of specialization that often submits its own electronic claims to health plans. The "parent"-we don't know who the parent is in this example-must ensure that each subpart that submits its own claims to health plans has its own NPI.

<i>Parent Organization LBN</i>	MERIT HOSPICE LLC	If the organization is a subpart, the Parent Organization Legal Business Name (LBN) field must be completed. The Parent Organization LBN field can only be completed if the answer to the subpart question is Yes.
<i>Provider Organization Name (Legal Business Name)</i>	DIRECT HOSPICE CARE INC DBA MERIT HOSPICE	Provide organization name (legal business name used to file tax returns with the IRS). The Organization Name field allows the following special characters: ampersand, apostrophe, "at" sign, colon, comma, forward slash, hyphen, left and right parentheses, period, pound sign, quotation mark, and semi-colon. A field cannot contain all special characters.
<i>Provider First Line Business Mailing Address</i>	8150 N CENTRAL EXPY STE M2060	The first line mailing address of the provider being identified. This data element may contain the same information as "Provider first line location address".
<i>Provider Business Mailing Address City Name</i>	DALLAS	The City name in the mailing address of the provider being identified. This data element may contain the same information as "Provider location address City name".
<i>Provider Business Mailing Address State Name</i>	TX	The State or Province name in the mailing address of the provider being identified. This data element may contain the same information as "Provider location address State name".
<i>Provider Business Mailing Address Postal Code</i>	75206-1999	The postal ZIP or zone code in the mailing address of the provider being identified. NOTE: ZIP code plus 4-digit extension, if available. This data element may contain the same information as "Provider location address postal code".
<i>Provider Business Mailing Address Country Code</i>	US	The country code in the mailing address of the provider being identified. This data element may contain the same information as "Provider location address country code".
<i>Provider Business Mailing Address Telephone Number</i>	214-663-6636	The telephone number associated with mailing address of the provider being identified. This data element may contain the same information as "Provider location address telephone number".
<i>Provider First Line Business Practice Location Address</i>	8150 N CENTRAL EXPY STE M2060	The first line location address of the provider being identified. For providers with more than one physical location, this is the primary location. This address cannot include a Post Office box.
<i>Provider Business Practice Location Address City Name</i>	DALLAS	The city name in the location address of the provider being identified.
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<i>Provider Business Practice Location Address Telephone Number</i>	214-663-6636	The telephone number associated with the location address of the provider being identified.
<i>Provider Enumeration Date</i>	03/31/2021	The date the provider was assigned a unique identifier (assigned an NPI).
<i>Last Update Date</i>	04/15/2021	The date that a record was last updated or changed.
<i>Authorized Official Last Name</i>	BECKHAM	The last name of the person authorized to submit the NPI application or to change NPS data for a health care provider.
<i>Authorized Official First Name</i>	JENNIFER	The first name of the authorized official
<i>Authorized Official Title or Position</i>	ADMINISTRATOR	The title or position of the authorized official
<i>Authorized Official Telephone Number</i>	214-368-1154	The 10-position telephone number of the authorized official.
<i>Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code #1</i>	251G00000X	The Health Care Provider Taxonomy code is a unique alphanumeric code, ten characters in length. The code set is structured into three distinct "Levels" including Provider Type, Classification, and Area of Specialization.
<i>Healthcare Provider Taxonomy 1</i>	Community Based Hospice Care Agency	Healthcare Provider Taxonomy #1
<i>Healthcare Provider Primary Taxonomy Switch 1</i>	Y	Primary Taxonomy: - X - The primary taxonomy switch is Not Answered; - Y - The taxonomy is the primary taxonomy (there can be only one per NPI record); - N - The taxonomy is not the primary taxonomy.
<i>Certification Date</i>	04/15/2021	Certification Date

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