

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 require a unique identifier which can be universally assigned for health care providers. This is known as the National Provider Identifier (NPI). This 10 digit identifier does not convey information about the provider such as: provider type, the state the provider practices in, or any other personal information. Providers will use the same NPI to bill all medical claims, Medicare, Medicaid, BC/BS, Delta Dental, etc.

It is your responsibility to apply for a NPI through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) web site at: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/>.

All HIPAA covered entities must apply for a NPI, whether they are an organization, Type 2 entity (hospital, nursing home, clinic, etc) or an individual, Type 1 entity (doctor, pharmacist, dentist, etc).

By **May 23, 2008**, all HIPAA covered providers must use only the NPI in all standard health transactions.

Many of the questions and concerns Michigan Medicaid has received about NPI are from CMH providers. Below is a clarification about the NPI policies regarding Michigan Medicaid and the CMH providers:

1. Each Individual Physician is required to have their own type 1 NPI
2. Maternal & Infant Support Services will need a Type 2 NPI if the provider chooses to enumerate this part of the Organization
3. Family Planning Services will need a Type 2 NPI if the provider chooses to enumerate this part of the Organization
4. Immunization Services are currently enrolled in Medicaid using the Individual Physician's information so this individual will need a Type 1 NPI, or if you choose to have Immunizations as a Group you will need Type 2 NPI for the group.
5. Rural Health Clinic will need a Type 2 NPI if the provider chooses to enumerate this part of the Organization
6. Miscellaneous Groups if the provider chooses to enumerate will need a Type 2 NPI, examples Oncology Group, Internal Medicine Group, etc.
7. Psychiatric Units or other specific providers that are not currently enrolled with Michigan Medicaid, including Physician Assistant, Social Workers and Psychologists that offer services to beneficiaries may still choose to enumerate to bill other payors. Please do not report these NPI numbers to Michigan Medicaid.

For any questions regarding your NPI number(s) it is important that you provide us with your NPI, Federal Tax Number, service address and your Medicaid Provider ID number. Thank you for your support in helping to make this transition work as smoothly as possible.

The department has valuable NPI information available on our website at: <http://michigan.gov/mdch> >> Providers >> NPI.