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Compensation for Pharmacist Services What Pharmacists Need to Know about *National Provider Identifier (NPI)*

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Key Facts

National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a 10-digit unique identification number used to help send protected health information electronically.



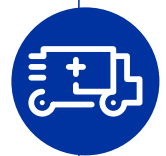
What information is linked to an NPI and why do I need one?

A 10-digit numeric identifier, the NPI doesn't contain information about you and will not change even if your name, address, or other information changes. It is necessary to transmit claims and encounter information to health plans and to coordinate benefits and payments for services.



Who can get an NPI?

All health care providers may get an NPI and can include both individuals (pharmacist) and organizations (pharmacy). HB 48 allows pharmacists to use their individual NPI to bill for services.



What information do I need to apply?

Demographic information, practice location information, pharmacist license number, and contact information.



How do I apply?

There are 3 ways to apply for an NPI:

- Online through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System at nppes.cms.hhs.gov.
- A paper application that you complete, sign, and mail in.
- Using an Electronic File Interchange Organization to send application data through a bulk enumeration process.