

NPI

National Provider Identifier

NATA strongly encourages all Athletic Trainers to register for their NPI

What is an NPI number and when would it be used?

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Administrative Simplification Standard. The NPI is a unique identification number for covered health care providers. Covered health care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses must use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA. The NPI is a 10-position, intelligence-free numeric identifier (10-digit number). This means that the numbers do not carry other information about healthcare providers, such as the state in which they live or their medical specialty. The NPI must be used in lieu of legacy provider identifiers in the HIPAA standards transactions.

The purpose of the National Provider Identifier (*NPI*) is to uniquely identify a health care provider in standard transactions, such as health care claims. NPIs may also be used to identify health care providers on prescriptions, in internal files to link proprietary provider identification numbers and other information, in coordination of benefits between health plans, in patient medical record systems, in program integrity files, and in other ways.

Why do I need an NPI number, I work in a collegiate or secondary school setting and have no intention of billing for my services?

“NATA views having an NPI number like having a state license: it’s a professional requirement and adds credibility to both the individual and the profession,” says Cate Brennan, director of external affairs. “Once ATs get their NPI number, it will be theirs forever -- no matter where they work. There’s no downside to having an NPI number.” Applying for an NPI number is quick, easy and free.

To Apply go to:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart>

How is your NPI number determined?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed the **National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)** to assign these unique identifiers.

As outlined in the Federal Regulation, The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), covered providers must also share their NPI with other providers, health plans, clearinghouses, and any entity that may need it for billing purposes.

When filling out your application use:

Provider Type 22

(Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative Service Providers)

Taxonomy Code 2255A2300X

(Specialist/Technologist-**Athletic Trainer**)

To view the CMS Background and Application Process Information for Healthcare Providers Viewlet

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/npi/npiviewlet.asp>

Q: Who do I contact if I cannot remember my NPPES password?

A: Contact the *NPI* Enumerator at 1-800-465-3203 or send an e-mail to customerservice@npienumerator.com.

Q: What if I can't remember my NPI number?

A: The NPI Registry enables users to query the NPPES by, the name of the provider. The NPI Registry will return the results of the query to the user, and the user will click on the record(s) he/she wants to see. The NPI Registry will then display the FOIA-disclosable data for those records.

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistrySearch.do?subAction=reset&searchType=ind>