

Individual vs Organizational NPIs

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National Provider Identifier

A National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a 10-digit numerical unique identifier and a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standard. NPI replaced the numerous different provider numbers previously issued by each payer with a single identifier that is used across all health plans.

There are 2 different types of NPIs; **Type 1 (individual)** and **Type 2 (organizational)**.

All clinical providers need to obtain a type 1 (individual) NPI number. This number will identify the provider who rendered services to a patient and needs to be reported on claim forms sent to payers.

Group practices that bill with a group tax identification number (TIN) should also apply for a Type 2, organizational NPI. This Type 2 NPI number should be used to complete enrollments with payers and for billing purposes. For group practices, individual providers' NPIs will be linked to the group NPI in the payer's system and both reported on claim forms submitted for reimbursement.

1500 Claim Form - Professional Claims

Box 24J - rendering provider NPI number


24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE			B. PLACE OF SERVICE			C. EMG		D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)		E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER	F. \$ CHARGES	G. DAYS OR UNITS	H. (P/S)OT Family Plan	I. ID. QUAL.	J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #
From	To						CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER							
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY										
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Box 33A - individual (type 1) NPI number for sole practitioners or organizational (type 2) NPI number for practice groups

33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO & PH # ()	
a.	b.

UB04 Claim Form - Institutional Claims

Box 56 - NPI of the billing provider (could be individual or organizational)

50 PAYER NAME	51 HEALTH PLAN ID	52 REL INFO	53 ASG BEN	54 PRIOR PAYMENTS	55 EST. AMOUNT DUE	56 NPI	
						57 OTHER PRV ID	

Box 76 - Attending provider NPI (individual NPI)

Box 77 - Operating provider NPI (individual NPI)

Box 78 - Other provider NPI (individual NPI)

Box 79 - Other provider NPI (individual NPI)

76 ATTENDING	NPI	QUAL	
LAST	FIRST		
77 OPERATING	NPI	QUAL	
LAST	FIRST		
78 OTHER	NPI	QUAL	
LAST	FIRST		
79 OTHER	NPI	QUAL	
LAST	FIRST		