

Individual vs Organizational NPIs

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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

(The link embedded above will show where to enter NPI information that will print in the specified box.)

Box 24J - rendering provider NPI number

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24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE		B. PLACE OF SERVICE			C. EMG			D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)		DIAGNOSIS POINTER	\$ CHARGES	DAYS OR UNITS	EPSDT Family Plan	ID. QUAL.	RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #
From	To	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER						
1															NPI
2															NPI

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

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

50 PAYER NAME		51 HEALTH PLAN ID		52 REL INFO	53 ASO BEN	54 PRIOR PAYMENTS	55 EST. AMOUNT DUE	56 NPI
A								57
B								OTHER
C								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		
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77 OPERATING	NPI	QUAL		
LAST		FIRST		
78 OTHER	NPI	QUAL		
LAST		FIRST		
79 OTHER	NPI	QUAL		
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