

The NPI is here. The NPI is now. Are you using it?

In an effort to ensure that the data submitted to the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) for organization health care providers is accurate, CMS initiated an NPPES-IRS data match to ensure that the legal business name (LBN) and employer identification number (EIN) in NPPES are consistent with IRS data.

This week, CMS will mail out letters to organization health care providers that have an EIN/LBN combination in NPPES that are different from the information maintained by the IRS. These letters request that the health care providers review and update their LBN and/or EIN in NPPES. If health care providers can not furnish data that are consistent with the IRS, we will deactivate the National Provider Identifier in NPPES. CMS will continue to match these health care provider data in NPPES against IRS data to ensure the accuracy of NPPES data.

Need More Information?

Still not sure what an NPI is and how you can get it, share it and use it? As always, more information and education on the NPI can be found through the CMS NPI page www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand on the CMS website.

Providers can apply for an NPI online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or can call the NPI enumerator to request a paper application at 1-800-465-3203. Having trouble viewing any of the URLs in this message? If so, try to cut and paste any URL in this message into your web browser to view the intended information.

Note: All current and past CMS NPI communications are available by clicking "CMS Communications" in the left column of the www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand CMS webpage.