



# Important Information Regarding NPI

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*The information on this page has been provided to help you and your office learn more about the National Provider Identifier (NPI). You will be impacted by this new HIPAA regulation.*

*Early application for your NPI means your office will be prepared when a patient's health plan requires the use of an NPI to pay your claims.*

## **What is the NPI?**

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a government-issued, 10-digit identification number for individual healthcare providers and organizations. The numbers are randomly assigned and contain no coded information about the individual or organization. The NPI will never expire, and your individual NPI will remain the same even if you change jobs or locations.

## **Why should I get an NPI?**

All dentists are eligible to apply for an NPI, and dentists who submit claims electronically will be required by federal law to obtain an NPI. However, since health plans will be allowed to require all dentists to obtain an NPI regardless of whether the dentist submits claims electronically, we are encouraging all DenteMax participating dentists to obtain an NPI as soon as possible. Getting your NPI early will help eliminate issues with claims administration in the future.

## **How do I get an NPI?**

Applying for an NPI is free and relatively easy. Visit <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> You may receive your NPI via email in one to five business days, or you may choose to download a printable application and submit by mail. Processing will take about 20 business days. **Once you have received your NPI, you must contact our provider relations department at 800.752.1547 or visit our NPI site at [www.NPIHelp.com](http://www.NPIHelp.com) to update your information with DenteMax.**

For additional information about NPI, how to apply for your NPI, or how to provide your NPI to DenteMax, visit the following internet sites:

<http://www.NPIHelp.com>

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/npi.asp>

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>