

# NPI

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Today, you need an Idaho Medicaid provider number to conduct business with the Idaho Medicaid program. On May 23, 2007, a National Provider Identifier (NPI) will become the primary provider identification number most providers will use. Every month we will be sharing more NPI information with you. The topic for January is **Subparts.**

Before a health care provider applies for an NPI, the provider needs to know if they are a Type 1 or Type 2 Entity. Organizations are defined as a Type 2 Entity and may be composed of a number of smaller health care providers also called **subparts**. Individual health care providers are defined as a Type 1 Entity and are not composed of subparts.

Each health care organization must determine which of their subparts need a unique NPI on transactions to ensure claims are processed correctly. If a provider is unsure whether they are a subpart of an organization, the provider should consult their organizational leadership.

Examples of organizational subparts may include but are not limited to:

- Hospitals may identify components of their organization as subparts; these may include rehabilitation units, psychiatric units, acute care services, therapy services, renal dialysis, surgical centers, etc.
- Pharmacies, Home Health Agencies, laboratories, group practices, etc., may determine each physical location to be a subpart. DME providers must have an NPI for each location unless they are an individual person or sole proprietorship.

Further information on subparts can be obtained at The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/>

**Important** - Time is running out, so act today and apply for your organization's NPI(s)!

## **Getting an NPI is free . . . not having one can be costly**

Information provided by Idaho Medicaid is not intended to be used in place of information from the Federal Government and other organizations, but is designed to help providers understand what NPI is and how it may impact their business practices.