

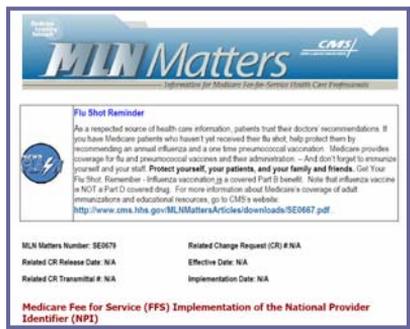
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# Web Announcement 126

## NPI: Get It. Share It. Use It.

### New MLN Matters Article Available

A new Special Edition *MLN Matters* article is now posted on the CMS website with important information for Medicare providers, as well as information that may be helpful for all health care providers. You can view this article on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0679.pdf>.



### WEDI NPI Readiness Survey Now Open

This is the last in a series of WEDI surveys to measure the healthcare industry's ability to meet the May 23, 2007 NPI implementation deadline. You can take the survey by visiting <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=64993103585> on the web. Please note that the survey is only open until Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.



### Upcoming WEDI Events

WEDI will host the WEDI NPI Industry Forum on February 12<sup>th</sup> and an audiocast on the impact of the NPI on standard transactions on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Visit the WEDI website for more details at <http://www.wedi.org/npioi/index.shtml> on the web. Please note that there is a charge to participate in WEDI Events.

### Still Confused?

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 at the CMS NPI page [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand](http://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.

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