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# Web Announcement 149

## CMS to Publish NPI Registry

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to make publicly available National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) provider data on Aug. 1, 2007. Covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and others will be able to access NPPES provider data that is required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

CMS is asking providers to review their submitted information paying particular attention to data elements that CMS will be publicly disclosing. Some providers furnished “optional” data when they registered for their National Provider Identifier (NPI); that is, information that was not required to be furnished in order to apply for an NPI. Providers have an opportunity to delete this optional information now, before it is disseminated by CMS.

CMS will make FOIA-disclosable data available on the Internet in a downloadable file (with monthly update files) and in a query-only database (the NPI Registry). Once the list is published, a link to the list will be provided from the First Health Services website. Pharmacies may utilize the list to determine the correct National Provider Identifier (NPI) for prescribing physicians. Currently, pharmacists use the Nevada Prescriber List posted by First Health Services (see “Prescriber List” under the “Pharmacy” menu at <https://medicaid.nv.gov>) to identify prescribing physicians.

For the latest information on Data Dissemination, as well as a list of the FOIA-disclosable data elements, visit [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/06a\\_DataDissemination.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/06a_DataDissemination.asp) on the NPI website.

Providers are encouraged to update their information by going to: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. Alternatively, providers may submit updates on the CMS-10114 NPI Application/Update Form. For a copy of the form, call the NPI enumerator at (800) 465-3203 or download the revised form at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/Announcement\\_for\\_Revised\\_NPI\\_Application\\_form.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/Announcement_for_Revised_NPI_Application_form.pdf).

The screenshot shows the CMS website interface. At the top, it says "U.S. Department of Health & Human Services" and "www.hhs.gov". Below that is the CMS logo and "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services". There is a search bar with "Search: 1234" and a "Search" button. A navigation menu includes "Home", "Medicare", "Medicaid", "SEHD", "About CMS", "Regulations & Guidance", "Research, Statistics, Data & Systems", and "Outreach & Education". Below the menu are links for "People with Medicare", "Medicaid", "Questions", "Careers", "Newsroom", "Contact CMS", "Acronyms", "Help", and "Email". The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: "CMS Home > Regulations and Guidance > National Provider Identifier Standard (NPI) > Data Dissemination". The page title is "National Provider Identifier Standard (NPI) Data Dissemination". The main heading is "CMS Delays Dissemination of National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Data". The text states: "The NPPES Data Dissemination Notice (CMS-6060-V) was published on May 20, 2007 - see the Downloads Section below for a copy of the Notice as it appears in the Federal Register. The Notice describes the policy by which CMS will make certain NPPES Health care provider data available to covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and to others." There are two bullet points: "The Notice states that NPPES health care provider data that are required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) will be made publicly available 30 days after the publication of the Notice. In announcing the publication of the Notice, CMS had stated on this web page that these data would be disseminated on June 28, 2007." and "The FOIA-disclosable data will be made available in an initial file downloadable from the Internet, with monthly update files also downloadable from the Internet, and in a query-only database whereby users can query by NPI, or provider name. The query-only database is known as the NPI Registry." A left sidebar contains a table of contents with links to Overview, CME Communications, How to Apply, Educational Resources, Enumeration Reports, Medicare NPI Implementation, Data Dissemination (selected), EFT, NPI Question Resources, NPI Contingency Planning, and NPI.