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NPI Registry Is Now Online

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made available National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) health care provider data via the internet. The NPI Registry and NPPES Downloadable File posted on the CMS website contain data that is disclosable under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). User IDs and passwords are not required and access to the data is free.

The NPI Registry and the Downloadable File are tools Nevada Medicaid pharmacy providers may use to obtain a physician's National Provider Identifier (NPI) when entering the prescriber's ID on claims.

For provider convenience, links to the NPI Registry and Downloadable File are posted on this website (select "Prescriber List" from the "Pharmacy" menu) and are listed below.

1. Query-only Database (the NPI Registry): The NPI Registry can be found at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>. **If you receive the following message: "NPI Registry is currently unavailable," then please try again later.** CMS has implemented changes that should eliminate instability that caused the NPI Registry to be unavailable for a few days and apologizes for any inconvenience.

The NPI Registry enables users to query the NPPES by the NPI or the name of the provider. The NPI Registry will return the results of the query to the user, and the user will click on the record(s) he/she wants to see.

2. Downloadable File: The file is available at http://nppesdata.cms.hhs.gov/cms_NPI_files.html (an underscore precedes and follows "NPI"). Facts about the Downloadable File and additional information on data dissemination are posted on the CMS webpage at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/06a_DataDissemination.asp#TopOfPage

Accuracy of Data: The NPI Registry and the Downloadable File contain data from the NPPES as reported to NPPES by health care providers or by someone acting on their behalf. If the Downloadable File or the NPI Registry reflects information that is incorrect, health care providers should correct that information.

At any time, providers, or someone acting on their behalf, may edit their records by going to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or by obtaining a paper NPI Application/Update Form (CMS-10114) from the NPI Enumerator or from the CMS forms page (www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms), completing it, and mailing it to the NPI Enumerator. Providers who need assistance in editing their records should contact the NPI Enumerator by phone at (800) 465-3203 or by email at customerservice@npienumerator.com or by letter at NPI Enumerator, P.O. Box 6059, Fargo, ND 58108-6059.