

Questions from the School Districts Concerning NPI

1. NPI: Do we use the district's taxonomy code or the professional staff taxonomy code?

SCDHHS Response: When a claim is presented by the rendering physician, the individual NPI and taxonomy code are required and the NPI and the taxonomy code for the billing/pay to provider is required on the claim.

2. NPI: Should we apply as a sole proprietor or organization/group?

SCDHHS Response: Each individual person applies as an individual. You can apply as sole provider only if you own your own business. You would apply as an organization/group if you have one or multiple individuals working for your business. Upon enrollment, the sole proprietor has to enroll with their SSN and EIN and the organization/group enrolls with the EIN only.

3. NPI: Would district staff be considered as a subpart of the district?

SCDHHS Response: No. District staff that renders services on behalf of the district is considered employees of the district

4. NPI: Do I enter the address of the school as the business practice location information or do I use the district's address?

SCDHHS Response: The business practice location information should be the primary (physical) practice location where the services are rendered.

5. NPI: Where do we find the taxonomy codes?

SCDHHS Response: Taxonomy codes are published by the Washington Publishing company and can be found at

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference>

6. NPI: I work for the school district. Should I have checked yes in the sole proprietor section of the NPI application?

SCDHHS Response: No. You are only considered a sole proprietor if you own your own business. If you work for the school district, then you are considered an employee of the district and are considered an individual provider.

7. NPI: Is an unlicensed professional who is providing services under the direction of a licensed professional eligible for an NPI?

SCDHHS Response: An individual does not have to be licensed in order to register for an NPI. If an individual provides a healthcare service that is recognized by the National Plan and Enumeration System (NPPES), then the individual can register for an NPI at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

8. NPI: When should I get my NPI?

SCDHHS Response: You can register for an NPI at any time

9. NPI: When will Medicaid begin to deny claims if the NPI is not on the claim?

SCDHHS Response: As of 2007, based on the NPI final submission rule, NPI is required on all claims submissions. In addition, the rendering, ordering/referring NPI is also required on all claims submissions. However, SCDHHS is not denying claims at this time. Further communication regarding this issue will be via a Medicaid Bulletin.

10. NPI: I received an email from Healthmaster stating that ordering and referring providers are required to enroll and include NPI taxonomy information on all claims as of December 3, 2012. Will district claims be denied?

SCDHHS Response: Capturing the ordering and referring providers NPI on the claim is a requirement. At this time, DHHS will not deny claims. Further communication regarding this issue will be via a Medicaid Bulletin.

11. NPI: Will the district continue to bill using its NPI number or will my NPI number be used?

SCDHHS Response: Yes, the district will continue using the districts billing/pay to NPI on the claim. The individual NPI will need to be listed on the claim as the rendering and/or ordering/referring provider, whichever the case may be.

12. Enrollment: Why does Medicaid want me to enroll?

SCDHHS Response: Individuals need to enroll with South Carolina Medicaid in order to ensure that all healthcare professionals providing medical services to a Medicaid beneficiary are enrolled in Medicaid. In addition, the requirement of capturing the rendering provider on the claim is a federal requirement.

13. Enrollment: Are individual staff/employees of the district required to pay the \$523 enrollment fee?

SCDHHS Response: No. Providers that are EXEMPT from the application fee are: individual physicians or non-physician practitioners. Please note that the application fee for 2013 for business organizations and entities is \$532.00

14. Enrollment: What happens if I don't enroll?

SCDHHS Response: The school district billing/pay to provider will not receive reimbursement for the service you rendered on their behalf.

15. Enrollment: Will Medicaid payments be considered as taxable income to me since I must include my name as it appears with the IRS?

SCDHHS Response: The requirement of your name and SSN is for identification verification. The individual will not receive reimbursement for services rendered as long as the claim is coded correctly with the school districts billing/pay to provider NPI and taxonomy code.

16. Enrollment: How will Medicaid use my NPI to verify supervision requirements for speech?

SCDHHS Response: The NPI of the rendering provider is not used to verify supervision requirements for speech. Upon enrollment, the license of the individual is verified with the applicable licensure board and in order to be licensed, the individual had to meet the licensure board requirements. Please refer to the SCDHHS Physician manual in the policies and procedures section for additional guidance.