

Rider 43-Rendering Therapy Provider National Provider Identifier (NPI): Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the new claims filing requirement regarding rendering therapy provider NPIs?**
 - Senate Bill 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, Rider 43)(formerly Rider 169) mandates performing/rendering therapy providers to submit their individual NPI as the rendering provider on all institutional and professional claim forms. This requirement is effective September 1, 2018, for all *managed care* claim forms.

2. **Is the rendering provider required to be enrolled in Texas Medicaid?**
 - The rendering provider NPI on an institutional claim form is not required to be enrolled in Texas Medicaid.

3. **Are interns or medical residents required to provide an NPI as a rendering provider?**
 - If the intern or medical resident has an NPI or is eligible for an NPI, they must include the NPI on the claim form.
 - If an intern and/or medical resident is not eligible for an NPI, the supervising provider's NPI must be provided as the rendering provider on the claim form.

4. **How does this impact Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)?**
 - FQHCs will have to include a separate NPI for the rendering therapy provider actually providing the service to the client. For more provider type specific information, please go to www.tmhp.com/TMHP_File_Library/FQHC/FQHC%20FAQs%20v2017.pdf .

5. **How does this impact Personal Care Service (PCS) providers and Home Health Agencies (HHAs)?**
 - The specific procedure code (T1019) for the DSHS personal care service benefit are not subject to the rendering provider requirement at this time. This code will be subject to the requirement tentatively in April 2019.
 - However, any other services or procedures billed on the institutional claim type will be subject to the requirement.

6. **Whose NPI should be reported if the rendering provider is not eligible to receive an NPI?**

- If the individual provider rendering services to a client cannot obtain an NPI, the supervising provider's NPI, or the NPI of the provider overseeing care for the client, must be provided as the rendering provider on the claim form.

7. How do I apply for an NPI?

- For general information go to the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) FAQ at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/webhelp/nppeshelp/NPPES%20FAQS.html#how-do-i-apply-for-an-npi>.
- To complete the online NPI application, you must first obtain an Identity & Access (I&A) User ID. Go to the NPPES page at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> and complete the steps below to obtain a User ID.
 - Select the Create a Login link on the Individual Provider side of the NPPES home page. Note: You will be redirected to the I&A website.
 - Follow the steps to complete your I&A Registration.
 - Once you have successfully obtained an I&A User ID, return to the NPPES home page and log into the NPPES website with your newly created I&A User ID.
 - Select the Submit a New NPI Application to begin the NPI application process.

8. How much does it cost to apply for an NPI?

- There is no cost to apply for an NPI and there is no annual fee.

9. How long does it take to process my NPI application?

- CMS states it can take approximately 10 days, but that is dependent on the volume of applications to be processed, paper vs. electronic, etc.

10. I am not sure if I am currently enrolled in Medicaid. How can I confirm my enrollment status?

- Call the TMHP Contact Center, 800-925-9126.