Obtaining and Registering
National Provider Identifier (NPI) Numbers

Providers are reminded to obtain NPI numbers from National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) and to register them with Denti-Cal.

Obtaining an NPI Number

NPI numbers are provided by NPPES. There are two types of NPI numbers:

♦ Type 1: Health Care Providers who are individuals, including dentists and hygienists, and sole proprietorships - regardless of multiple service office locations

♦ Type 2: Health Care Providers who are organizations, including dental practices, and/or individual dental practices who are incorporated

Please remember that many dental offices will need both Type 1 and Type 2 NPI numbers. These include:

♦ Individual dentists at one practice location where a Type 1 is needed for the dentist and a Type 2 for the practice if claims are submitted using the practice's name and Tax Identification Numbers (TINs)

♦ Multiple dentists at one practice location where a Type 1 is needed for the dentists and a Type 2 for the practice if claims are submitted using the practice's name and TIN

♦ Multiple dentists at multiple locations where a Type 1 is needed for the dentists and a Type 2 for each practice with a separate TIN

Applications for NPI numbers are found at the NPPES Web site: https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov.

Applications submitted electronically may be processed within one to five days after receiving the confirmation of receipt. Applications sent by mail may take up to 20 days to process.

Registering Your NPI Numbers with Denti-Cal

Please report NPI numbers to Denti-Cal upon receiving them from NPPES. There are two ways to register NPI numbers: on-line with the Denti-Cal NPI Collection System, and through the mail. To access either of these options, please visit the NPI section of the Denti-Cal Web site: http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/WSI/NPIWebCollection.jsp?fname=NPIWebCollection.

Please note that while the NPI replaces other identification used for electronic transmissions, such as the legacy Denti-Cal provider numbers, it does not replace social security numbers, TINs, state license numbers, or specialty numbers.

For questions on registering NPI numbers with Denti-Cal, or any other information, please contact the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.