

# Denti-Cal Bulletin



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## ***Registering and Using National Provider Identifier (NPI) Numbers***

Denti-Cal continues to encourage providers to obtain, register with Denti-Cal, and use National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers. Providers who do not have an NPI number can request one from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Web site: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>.

### ***Registering NPI Numbers***

Before providers can use their NPI numbers on Denti-Cal forms, both the billing NPI numbers and rendering NPI numbers must be registered with Denti-Cal. Providers can register NPI numbers in one of two ways:

- ◆ **Online via the Denti-Cal NPI Collection System.** To expedite your NPI registration, register via the Denti-Cal NPI Collection System found on the Denti-Cal Web site. Go to <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov> and click on the National Provider Identifier (NPI) tab, and then on the [Register Your NPI](#) link. Print the confirmation page from the Web site as a record of registration. After completing the registration process, please allow three (3) business days prior to submitting documents with NPI numbers.
- ◆ **Using the NPI Registration Form DHS 6218.** To obtain the paper NPI Registration Form [DHS 6218](#) and instructions on how to register NPI numbers, visit the Denti-Cal Web site at <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov> and click on the National Provider Identifier (NPI) tab, and then on the [Register Your NPI](#) link. Remember to retain a copy of the letter received from Denti-Cal as a record of registration. *Providers should not use their NPIs when submitting documents for authorization or payment until they have received a confirmation letter from Denti-Cal, which can take up to 15 business days.*

For questions with the Denti-Cal NPI Collection System or registration of NPI numbers, please call Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.

### ***Using NPI Numbers***

Denti-Cal strongly encourages providers to use registered NPI numbers on the following forms:

- ◆ Treatment Authorization Request/Claim (DC-202, DC-209, DC-217)
- ◆ Claim Inquiry Form (DC-003)
- ◆ Forms Reorder Request (DC-204)
- ◆ Notice of Authorization (DC-301)

## ***Unregistered NPI Numbers Can Lead to Denied Claims***

Claims with unregistered NPI numbers will be denied with Adjudication Reason Code 319A, which reads as follows:

**319A** The submitted rendering provider NPI is not registered with Denti-Cal. Prior to requesting re-adjudication for a dated, denied procedure on a Claim Inquiry Form (CIF), the rendering provider NPI must be registered with Denti-Cal.

To avoid denials on claims due to unregistered NPI numbers, providers should wait for confirmation of registration before using the NPI number.

### **Denti-Cal Seminars Scheduled for October 2009**

Basic Seminar/D240	Lodi	October 9, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>
Basic Seminar/D241	Oxnard	October 15, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>
Advanced Seminar/D242	Oxnard	October 16, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>
Workshop/D243	Red Bluff	October 22, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>
Ortho Seminar/D244	Palm Springs	October 28, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>
Advanced Seminar/D245	Palm Springs	October 29, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>
Carlsbad/D246	Carlsbad	October 30, 2009	<a href="#">Register Now!</a>

Registration forms are located on the Denti-Cal Web site at <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov> by clicking on the Providers tab, then on Seminars, and then on [Current Seminar Schedule](#). Click on the Reserve Your Spot link for the desired seminar to make a reservation. Seminar registrations may also be made over the phone by calling Denti-Cal at (800) 423-0507 or by mailing completed registration forms to this address:

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For any other information, please contact Denti-Cal toll-free: (800) 423-0507.