

NPI Required Beginning May 23, 2007

After May 23, 2007, a 10-digit standard ID number will replace the current provider identification number. It will be required on all HIPAA standard transactions and possible other types of transactions.

All dentists are advised to obtain this number well before the deadline.

Applying for a number is free and easy to do.

Visit <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> to submit an application.

The number will be received in one to five business days.

For more information from the American Dental Association, go to www.ada.org/goto/npi.