

What You Need To Know About Taxonomy

Beginning May 23, 2007, with the implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) regulations, some Idaho Medicaid providers must submit a national taxonomy code on their claims. This is required to pay your claims correctly.

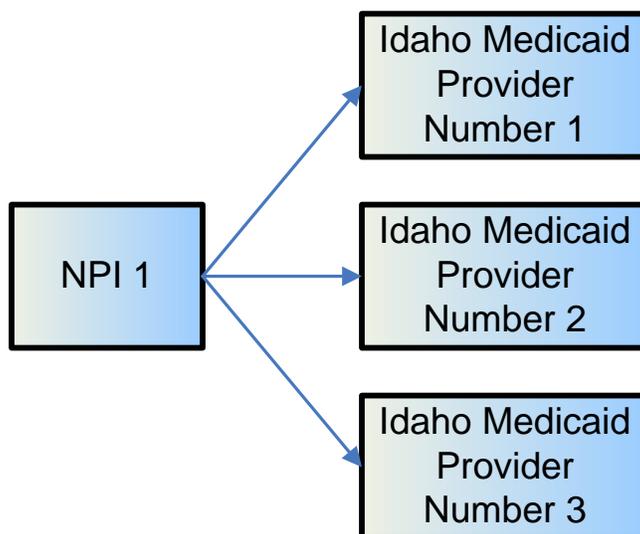
What is a national Provider Taxonomy Code?

A taxonomy code designates provider type and specialty. This is a standard national code. When you apply for your NPI you must select at least one taxonomy code.

Who will need to submit a taxonomy code on claims?

If you have multiple Idaho Medicaid Provider numbers and only applied for **one** NPI, you must submit the correct national taxonomy code on each claim. We have mapped Idaho Medicaid existing type and specialty designations to national taxonomy codes.

Providers will be contacted and informed of the taxonomy codes allowed for each of their Idaho Medicaid Provider numbers.

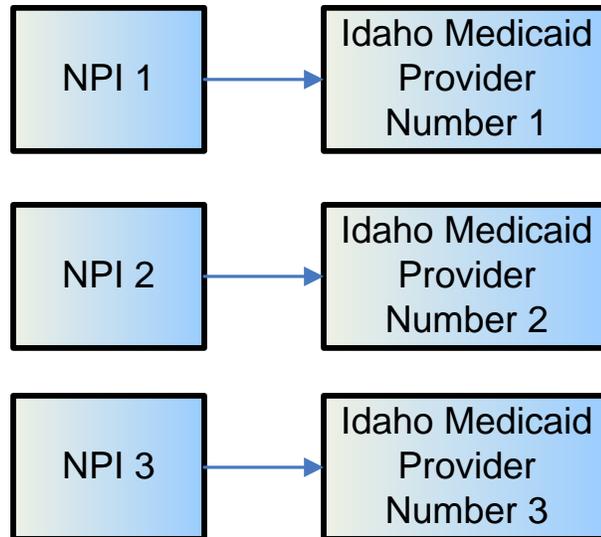


What if I must submit a taxonomy code, but I can't submit a taxonomy code on my claims?

Work with your vendor to make sure your software is updated and ready before the May 23, 2007, NPI deadline. You also may want to consider applying for one NPI for each current Idaho Medicaid Provider number.

Who won't need to submit a taxonomy code on claims?

- If you have multiple Idaho Medicaid Provider numbers and you applied for an NPI for each of these provider numbers, you do not need to submit a taxonomy code on each claim.



- Provider types that will not be required to use an NPI will also not be required to submit taxonomy codes on claims. The provider types not required to use an NPI for Idaho Medicaid are listed in the January 2007 MedicAide newsletter.

A process is currently being developed to allow you to register your NPI with Idaho Medicaid. Once the process is complete, Idaho Medicaid will notify you to register your NPI information. Please watch for future NPI communications in the Idaho MedicAide newsletter, Remittance Advice banner pages, and Information Releases. You can also find NPI information on the Idaho Medicaid Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov

Important - Time is running out, so act today and apply for your organization's NPI(s)!

Getting an NPI is free . . . not having one can be costly

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