

How Do I Apply for an NPI?

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Entity TYPE 1

An individual practitioner, including a sole proprietor, providing health care services. Apply using your Social Security Number (SSN) or Tax Identification Number (TIN)

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Entity TYPE 2

An organization providing health care services, such as group practices, professional corporations, clinics, and hospitals, including incorporated individuals. Apply using the organization's Tax identification Number (TIN). A practice that is incorporated is considered a Type 2 even if it employs only one practitioner.

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Dr. Sara Sanders
SSN

Unincorporated Practitioner/Sole Proprietor
Entity Type 1 NPI
(can have an EIN or TIN)

1

Dr. Sara Sanders
SSN

Incorporated Individual Practitioner
Entity Type 1 (one for the individual)
Entity Type 2 (one for the organization)

2

Dr. Sara Sanders, PC
TIN

1

Dr. Sara Sanders
SSN

Dr. Sam Shepard
SSN

Organization/Group Practice with Multiple Providers
Entity Type 1 (one for the individual)
Entity Type 2 (one for the organization)

1

2

Midlands Clinic, PC
TIN

1

Dr. Sara Sanders
SSN

1

Dr. Sam Shepard
SSN

1

Dr. Ben Casey
SSN

1

Dr. Marcus Welby
SSN

2

Midlands Group Practice, Inc.
Location 1
TIN xx-xxxxx1

2

Midlands Group Practice, Inc.
Location 2
TIN xx-xxxxx2

Multiple Site Organization/Group Practice with Different Employer Identification Numbers (TINs).
Entity Type 1 (one for each individual)
Entity Type 2 (one for each TIN)

1

Dr. Sara Sanders
SSN

1

Dr. Sam Shepard
SSN

1

Dr. Ben Casey
SSN

1

Dr. Marcus Welby
SSN

2

Midlands Medical Practice, Inc.
Location 1
TIN xx-xxxxx1

2

Midlands Medical Practice, Inc.
Location 2
TIN xx-xxxxx1

2

Midlands Medical Practice, Inc.
Corporate HQ
TIN xx-xxxxx1

Multiple Site Organization/Group Practice with One Employer Identification Number (TIN).

Requires Subpart Determination
Entity Type 1 (for each individual)
Entity Type 2 (one for the "parent" organization and the potential for additional subpart Type 2's if needed)

Subpart Determination

The organization/group practice may need to obtain unique Entity Type 2 NPIs for components or locations (subparts) meeting any of the following criteria:

- operates independently from the "parent" organization
- conducts own HIPAA standard transactions (*must obtain own unique Entity Type 2 NPI*)
- certified by the State separately from the "parent" organization
- must be uniquely identified in HIPAA standard transactions