

Nebraska SNIP Meeting National Provider Identifiers Enrollment

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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) adopt a standard unique health identifier for health care providers. On January 23, 2004, HHS published the Final Rule that adopts the National Provider Identifier (the NPI) as the standard unique health identifier for health care providers. The effective date of the rule was May 23, 2005, 16 months after its publication date. Health care providers may apply for NPIs beginning on the effective date. The compliance date for most covered entities is May 23, 2007.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the selection of Fox Systems, Inc. as the contractor to perform the support operations for the project. As “enumerator” for NPI project, Fox will process applications from health care providers and operate a help desk to assist health care providers in obtaining the new standard unique health care provider identification number (the NPI). The assignment of NPIs will begin later this year.

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Dennis K. Grindle is a CPA and a Partner in Health Care Consulting. He has been with the consulting and accounting firm of Seim, Johnson, Sestak & Quist, LLP, since 1989. Prior to that time he worked with a national accounting firm for two years as a tax consultant and he worked for a hospital-owned physician management group for four years on physician reimbursement.

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Dennis speaks regularly on a wide range of topics including: Medicare, reimbursement, billing, corporate compliance and physician contracts, just to name a few. We are pleased to have him joining us today to share his knowledge about the National Provider Identifier.

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The Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP) was developed to assist the health care industry in implementing HIPAA. Led by individuals and organizations in the region, the Nebraska SNIP is a collaborative effort to understand the complex regulations and to plan the implementation requirements. Nebraska SNIP is open to all stakeholders in HIPAA and a broad cross-section of the health care industry is involved. You are invited to join the Nebraska SNIP process and participate.