National Provider Identifier (NPI) Taxonomy Codes

What are Taxonomy Codes?

Taxonomy codes are 10-character federally established alpha numeric codes which health care professionals use to identify their unique specialty areas. They are a combination of Provider Type and Provider Specialty that are self-declared by health care providers during the National Provider Identifier (NPI) enumeration process. The Health Care Provider Taxonomy code set is developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is published twice a year in July and January.

How Do I Choose a Taxonomy Code?

A table was created and posted on the Department's Web site to assist providers in selecting the taxonomy codes that correspond to their existing provider types and specialties.

When registering your NPI with the Department of Human Services you MUST choose a taxonomy code from this crosswalk that matches your provider type and specialty. In most cases the Department of Human Services will need the taxonomy code(s) associated with your NPI in order to appropriately process electronic claims for payment.

Is My Taxonomy Code Required on Claim Forms?

The Department of Human Services will be using the NPI number, the taxonomy, and the 5 or 9 digit zip code whenever possible to make an accurate one-to-one connection from the NPI number to the existing 13-digit **PROMISe™** Provider ID.

For additional information, click on the following link for the NPI website:
http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/nationalprovideridentifiernpiinformation/

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