



## PRMMIS

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**PURPOSE:** To define the policy for providers enrolling with the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) regarding the use of and the type of National Provider Identifier (NPI) that is required.

Acronym/Term	Definition
CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Program
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPPES	National Plan and Provider Enumeration System
OPR	Ordering, Prescribing, and Referring
PRMMIS	Puerto Rico Medicaid Management Information System
PRMP	Puerto Rico Medicaid Program

### SCOPE

All references to the PRMP in this policy are inclusive of Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This policy covers all providers enrolling in the PRMP, including out-of-state providers, as well as ordering, prescribing, and referring (OPR) providers. Atypical providers are subject to this policy as outlined below.

### POLICY

#### NPI Usage

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandates that healthcare providers use NPIs in all HIPAA covered transactions. It is the policy of PRMP that all healthcare providers use NPIs in all HIPAA covered transactions in all applicable data elements to align with the federal regulations. Atypical providers (e.g., Non-Emergency Medical Transportation) are not mandated under HIPAA to obtain and use NPIs; however, if they do obtain an NPI, it is the policy of PRMP that they use the NPI in claims and encounter transactions.

#### NPI Entity Type

In order to be considered for enrollment in the PRMP, healthcare providers must have an NPI issued by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).

There are two types of NPIs, each based on the type of entity to whom the NPI belongs. The entity types are Individual (Entity Type Code 1) and Organization (Entity Type Code 2).



NPIs with an Entity Type Code 1 will be issued to healthcare providers who are individual provider types. Examples are physicians, dentists, nurses, chiropractors, pharmacists, and physical therapists. Individuals enrolling in PRMP must enroll with an Entity Type Code 1 NPI.

NPIs with an Entity Type Code 2 will be issued to healthcare providers other than individual provider types; i.e., organization provider types. Examples are hospitals; home health agencies; clinics; nursing homes; residential treatment centers; laboratories; ambulance companies; group practices; health maintenance organizations; suppliers of durable medical equipment, suppliers related to healthcare, prosthetics, and orthotics; and pharmacies. Organizations enrolling in PRMP must enroll with an Entity Type Code 2 NPI.

**REFERENCE**

45 CFR §162.406, §162.408, §162.410, §162.412 and §162.414

Standard unique health identifier for healthcare providers

[https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=2e24ebb778b7621f89fc10ac10f34b5a&mc=true&node=pt45.1.162&rqn=div5#se45.1.162_1610)

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