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## Quotes

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### **Cate Brennan Lisak, Director of External Affairs**

“NATA views having an NPI number like having a state license: it’s a professional requirement and adds credibility to both the individual and the profession. Once ATs get their NPI number, it will be theirs forever – no matter where they work. There’s no downside to having an NPI number.”

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### **Amy Callender, NATA Government Affairs Director**

“An NPI number is a professional requirement that adds credibility to the individual and the profession. NATA encourages all members to obtain their NPI number, which will stay with them for the rest of their career, no matter their job setting or employer.”

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## About NPIs

### **What Does It Do?**

In 2004, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) was established as a requirement of the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The NPI simplifies the electronic transmission of HIPAA transactions and replaces payer assigned provider identifier numbers.

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### **Who Can Apply?**

All healthcare providers are eligible for NPIs. All healthcare entities are mandated to obtain an NPI to be used as the sole provider identifier on all HIPAA electronic transactions.

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### **How To Apply**

Takes about 20min to sign-up and only need to do it once

Go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

Follow directions for Individual Providers to Create Login

Return to home page, Use User ID & Password to Apply

Taxonomy Category = Individual

Provider Type = 22 (Respiratory, Developmental, Rehab & Restorative Service Providers)

Taxonomy Code = 2255A2300X (Specialist/Technologist – Athletic Trainer);

Students (Uncertified) Taxonomy Code = 390200000X (Student in Organized Health Care Education/Training Program)

For step-by-step instructions, visit

[http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Apply\\_NPI\\_2014.pdf](http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Apply_NPI_2014.pdf)