

April Message

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Revised EFI Materials

The EFI Summary, User Manual and Technical Companion Guide have all been revised. Please visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/07_efi.asp to view and download these revised materials.

Encore Presentation of WEDI's NPI 101 Audiocast

This presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th. Please visit http://www.wedi.org/npioi/public/articles/dis_viewArticle.cfm?ID=476 for more information including scheduled times.

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CMS has released three new educational products on the National Provider Identifier (NPI):

- **"Guidance for Organization Health Care Providers Who Apply for National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) for Their Health Care Provider Employees" Tip Sheet**-- contains helpful information for organization health care providers who wish to apply for NPIs, or submit updates using the NPPES web-based process, on behalf of their employed health care providers. This is NOT the EFI process.
- **"Tips for Health Care Professionals - Preparing Your Office Staff for NPI" Tip Sheet** - provides basic steps to prepare your office staff, and your business, for NPI implementation.
- **"NPI Overview" PowerPoint Presentation** - this presentation was presented by a CMS staff member at a recent WEDI meeting and contains basic information on the NPI that is suitable for self education, as well as training purposes.

Visit the Educational Resources page on CMS' NPI website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/04_education.asp to view these new products.