

**Uniform Data Submission Specifications for the MDS 2.0 (September 2000/July 2002 Forms)**  
**Data Record Layout For Submission From the Nursing Home to the State (Version 1.30)**

Item Identifier/Description	Len	Start	End	Specification (* Indicates FATAL Error)
W1	10	1626	1635	Active on RECTYPE: A,AM,AO,Y,YM,YO,Q,QM,QO,O,OM,OO,D,R,X Inactive on RECTYPE: *Blank on RECTYPE:
National Provider ID				Picture : X(10) Type: TEXT *Range if Active : Valid code, sp(10) Format Info : *1. No embedded dashes or spaces. *2. A valid, non-blank code must consist of 10 numeric digits. Consistency if Active The National Provider ID occurs in both the header record and the data record. The value in a data record must exactly match the value in the header record as follows:  *1. If this ID is blank in N_PROV_ID in the header record, it must also be blank in Item W1 in the data record.  *2. If this ID is present (not blank) in N_PROV_ID in the header record, then the Item W1 value in the data record must exactly match the N_PROV_ID value in the header record.  NOTE: This item is active on all assessment, reentry, and discharge data records.  COMMENT: CMS will begin assigning National Provider IDs in the future. MDS Item W1 allows the provider to submit the National Provider ID with version 1.30 of the data specifications. With version 1.30, this submission is voluntary, and this item may be left blank. However, if a National Provider ID is voluntarily submitted, then the value must conform to the asterisk-tagged (*) requirements in "Format Info" and "Consistency If Active" or a fatal error will occur and the data record will be rejected.