

UPIN Directory

Note: Due to the changing nature and format of Provider/Profiling Identification Numbers (PINs) and our concerns for accuracy, CMS is discontinuing reporting these numbers in the UPIN Directory effective immediately.

Note: Beginning with the 4th Quarter 2006 update, the existing records in the UPIN file will no longer be updated. New records will continue to be added through 2nd Quarter 2007, after which the UPIN file will be discontinued.

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is replacing the UPIN as the CMS provider identification number. The National Provider Identifier (NPI) Dissemination notice will be published in June 2006. It will describe the information that will be available for NPIs. Please check the link to the Federal Register in 'Related Links Outside CMS' area on the website for the published notice.

UNIQUE PHYSICIAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (UPIN) DIRECTORY

The Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN) Directory contains selected information on physicians, doctors of Osteopathy, limited licensed practitioners and some non physician practitioners who are enrolled in the Medicare Program. The data elements in the file (UPIN, full name, specialty, Physician License State Code, zip code, Medicare provider billing number and State) are extracted from the UPIN Database and are approved for public release in the CMS's System of Records. The file is updated quarterly with updates being available usually by April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15. Each update file is considered as a replacement file.

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