

### National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number

A **National Provider Identifier (NPI)** is a unique 10-digit identification number issued to health care providers in the United States by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). All residents/fellows are required to apply for and receive a NPI number at the time of training.

Residents/fellow must have an NPI before starting training at UConn with the appropriate taxonomy and program address. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in a resident's/fellow's inability to prescribe medications and begin training, employment and benefits. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine will not be responsible for any loss of privileges or fines as the result of the resident's/fellow's failure to comply with the above mandate.

Please follow the instructions below and call the GME Office with any questions:

- If a resident/fellow **has not applied** for a NPI and he/she **has** a Social Security Number, he/she should complete the online application at:  
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>
- If a resident/fellow **has not applied** for a NPI and he/she **does not** have a Social Security Number, he/she must complete the paper application available at:  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10114.pdf>
- If a resident/fellow is coming to a UConn sponsored program and **already has** a NPI, he/she must change the business address of the previous NPI number to their new program's mailing address (please contact your program for this information). The taxonomy should be "390200000X – Student in an Organized Health Care Education/Training Program", unless he/she has a Connecticut State Medical License that will be maintained throughout employment as a resident/fellow and is practicing independently in the state of Connecticut.
  - Information can be changed online at:  
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart>
  - Information can be changed with a paper application (could take 4-6 weeks) available at:  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10114.pdf>.

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