

NPI Contest

The NATA is currently holding a contest to see which state can get the biggest percentage of members to have their National Provider Identifier (NPI). For those of you that already have your NPI, all you need to do is email IATA President-Elect, [Craig Voll](#), with your name and 6 digit NATA member number. If you don't already have your NPI, then follow the instructions below to get one! Go Indiana! Let's lead the country with our fantastic membership!

How to get your NPI:

All licensed healthcare providers are eligible to receive an NPI and they will need an NPI, in the future, to bill for their services. Having your own NPI should assist when billing all third party payers both now and definitely in the future.

Whether you currently bill for your services or not, all athletic trainers are encouraged to get a NPI. This is necessary to help our profession move forward with the CMS incident-to billing issues.

It only takes about 10 minutes and you can apply for your number online at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. When prompted for provider type, choose taxonomy #22. You will also need your state license information to complete the online form. Starting May 2007, the NPPES is going to make it much more difficult for providers to get NPI numbers and may begin charging for it. So, apply early and avoid the hassle!