"The New Health Care Provider Taxonomy: What it means to the IBCLC"

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Course Objectives

• To explain the changes that have been made for the new taxonomy.
• Explain how to obtain a NPI if they have not done so.
• Explain how to change your NPI status if you have one.
• Explain what this means to our profession and our future.
HIPAA
(Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Administrative Simplification Standard)

• Enacted 1996
• Purpose to ensure security and privacy of electronically transmitted health data
Health Care Provider Taxonomy Code Set

• Used in electronic data interchange (EDI)
• To submit health care claim billing information, encounter information, or both
• Identify provider type and provider area of specialization, i.e. lactation consultant
  – Superbill: Provider, patient & visit information
National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC)

- Chaired by the American Medical Association, critical partner with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12, develops electronic data interchange (EDI) standards
National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC)

- Authority regarding national standard content and data definitions
- Develop a standardized data set to transmit claim and encounter information to and from all third-party payers
- Generalized list of categories
Open All

Code titles with a + sign expand when you click on them. You can expand the entire list by clicking the "Open All" link above. Expand the code list to view the more detailed codes. Use your browser's find feature (Ctrl-F) after expansion to search for values. Taxonomy codes are self-selected. Choose the code that best identifies you as a provider.

Individual or Groups (of Individuals)
- Group [definition]
- Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians [definition]
- Behavioral Health & Social Service Providers [definition]
- Chiropractic Providers [definition]
- Dental Providers [definition]
- Dietary & Nutritional Service Providers [definition]
- Emergency Medical Service Providers [definition]
- Eye and Vision Services Providers [definition]
- Nursing Service Providers [definition]
- Nursing Service Related Providers [definition]
- Other Service Providers [definition]
- Pharmacy Service Providers [definition]
- Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Nursing Providers [definition]
- Podiatric Medicine & Surgery Service Providers [definition]
- Respiratory, Developmental, Rehabilitative and Restorative Service Providers [definition]
- Speech, Language and Hearing Service Providers [definition]
- Student, Health Care [definition]
- Technologists, Technicians & Other Technical Service Providers [definition]
- Non-individual

Clicking a [definition] link to the left displays code value definitions, when available, and additional information about the selected code in this space.

If you are unable to find a code to meet your need, you may Submit a Question.

http://www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy
National Provider Identifier (NPI)

- Unique, national identification number, required for all billing transactions (2006)
- 10-position, intelligence-free numeric identifier
  - no location or person identified???
  - https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistrySearch.do?subAction=reset&searchType=ind
NOTE: Some healthcare providers reported that SSNs or IRS ITINs in portions of the MIP application that are required to be disclosed under FOIA. For example, a provider may have reported an SSN or an IRS ITIN as an “Other Provider Identification Number” or as a “License Number.” To avoid disclosing these numbers, every effort was made to hide and remove those SSNs and IRS ITINs from being displayed in the information provided below.

Provider Information:

Name: MRS. JUDITH LYNN GUTOWSKI BA, IBCLC
Gender: FEMALE
Sole Proprietor: YES

NPI Information:

NPI: 1750586033
Entity Type: 1:INDIVIDUAL
Enumeration Date: 06/13/2007
Last Update Date: 04/04/2011
Replacement NPI: 
Deactivation Date: 
Reactivation Date: 

Provider Business Mailing Address:

Address: 135 MCGRAH LANE PO BOX 1
HANNOVER, PA 17335-0001
Phone Number: 724922107
Fax Number: 7249270129

Provider Business Practice Location Address:

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Provider Taxonomy:

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Other Provider Identifier:

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The National Provider Identifier (NPI)

- Associates providers based with their separate and distinct roles in health care
- Certification and licensure are outside the scope of the code set
  – doesn’t delineate IBCLC
Who Uses the NPI?

• Information is available from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website: http://www.cms.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/

• Under HIPPA health care providers are a “covered entity” if it transmits any health information in electronic form

• Covered entity must use an NPI
Who Uses the NPI?

• Most lactation consultants are not presently “covered entities”
• Health care providers who are not covered entities may elect to apply for NPIs
• USLCA urges IBCLCs to get the NPI
  – Prepares us for future changes
  – Identifies our existence
  – No cost, simple
Previous choices for the taxonomy

• Other service provider
  – Specialist: An individual educated and trained in an applied knowledge discipline used in the performance of work at a level requiring knowledge and skills beyond or apart from that provided by a general education or liberal arts degree. 174400000X

• Nursing service provider
  – Registered Nurse
    • Lactation Consultant: No Definition 163WL0100X
    • Prior to 1998
New choices for the taxonomy

Individuals

Nursing Service Providers
- Registered Nurse
- Lactation Consultant 163WL0100X

Other Service Providers
- Lactation Consultant Non-RN 174N0000X
Lactation Consultants, Non-RN

• New Taxonomy Code approved by the National Uniform Claims Commission
  – 18 months to apply, appeal, approve
  – Denied initial request for single IBCLC code
• Approved January 2011
• Effective April 1, 2011
Definition: Lactation Consultant, Non-RN

“An individual trained to provide breastfeeding assistance services to both mothers and infants. Lactation Consultants are not required to be nurses and are trained through specific courses of education. The Lactation Consultant may have additional certification through a national or international organization.”
Apply for or change your NPI

Electronic Submission

https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart

Mail Form

National Provider Identifier

For Health Care Providers
The Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of a standard unique identifier for health care providers. The National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) collects identifying information on health care providers and assigns each a unique National Provider Identifier (NPI).

Need an NPI?  
Want to View or Update your NPI data? 
Want to create a Web login for an existing NPI?

Additional Resources:
NPI Application / Update Form - [PDF File]
Application Help
Privacy Information
Frequently Asked Questions
NPI Final Rule - [PDF File]
Contact Information
CMS NPI Page

Notes:
The website works best in Internet Explorer versions 6.0 and higher and Firefox versions 2.0 and higher. Users may experience issues with other browsers and should consider using one of the browsers listed above. It is recommended thatWashington DC avoid shared browser sessions. Some browsers share sessions regardless of whether or not the browser is open. Please check with your browser's vendor about session management. When NPPES detects multiple browsers open within the same session, NPPES will terminate the session to prevent data from being entered. Data entered will be lost and will need to be re-entered.

To view PDF files, you must have Acrobat Reader. If you do not already have Acrobat Reader installed, please download Acrobat Reader now.
Apply for the NPI Number

Before you begin, make sure you have the following information.

– SSN (or Individual Taxpayer Identification # if not eligible for SSN)
– Provider Date of Birth
– Country of Birth
– State of Birth *(if Country of Birth is U.S.)*
– Provider Gender
– Mailing Address
– Practice Location Address and Phone Number
– Taxonomy (Provider Type)
– State License Information (none exists)
– Contact Person Name
– Contact Person Phone Number and E-mail
State License Information

• You do not have a “state license number”
  – Lactation Consultant, Non-RN does not require one
• It is acceptable to put your IBCLC Number here
• If you do it asks for a state and you will put your state where you practice
• Follow steps – starts with questions, set up security questions, etc
If you already have an NPI

• Find your USER ID
  – You should have a letter or email with it
  – You can apply for a new password or retrieve yours if necessary
Create login if needed, enter info, submit
NPI Application Form - Provider Profile

Provider Name Information:

Prefix: * First: 
Middle: 
* Last: 
Suffix: 

Credential(s) (M.D., D.O, etc.): 
BA, IBCLC

Other Name: (if applicable)
Prefix: 
* First: 
Middle: 
Last: 
Suffix: 

Credential(s) (M.D., D.O, etc.): 
Type of Other Name: 

Other Identifying Information:

State of Birth: (* if U.S.) 
PA - PENNSYLVANIA

Country of Birth: 
United States

* Gender: 
- Male 
- Female

* Is the Provider a Sole Proprietor? 
- Yes 
- No
Your new number will be the same as your old number, but will be attached to a the Lactation Consultant, Non-RN taxonomy
Having an NPI will facilitate your ability to provide lactation support as recommended by the Surgeon General and the Affordable Care Act.

www.surgeongeneral.gov
The Surgeon General’s Call To Action to Support Breastfeeding

Action 8. Develop systems to guarantee continuity of skilled support for lactation between hospitals and health care settings in the community.
Action 11. Ensure access to services provided by International Board Certified Lactation Consultants.
Action 11

Include support for lactation as an essential medical service for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and children.

- Standard coverage for IBCLCs as “covered providers”
- Provide *reimbursement* for IBCLCs independent of their having other professional certification or licensure.
- Alternatively, developing state *licensure* of lactation consultants
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

• Section 2713: “Coverage of Preventive Health Services” effective August 1, 2012
• “Comprehensive lactation support and counseling, by a trained provider during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and costs for renting breastfeeding equipment.”

http://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines/