

A Personal NPI number is required to bill for SBIRT.

First, an individual would need to determine their taxonomy code.

What is a Taxonomy Code - The Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code is a code set which is used in standard transactions to indicate the health care provider type, classification, and/or specialization. The taxonomy code itself is a unique alphanumeric code, ten characters in length. This code allows providers to identify their specialty category. Providers may have more than one taxonomy code associated with them. The reference will also maintain definitions for reference.

Taxonomy Number Website Reference: <http://wpc-edi.com/reference/>

1. Select "Health Care Provider Taxonomy Code Set"
2. Click on "Individual or Groups"
3. Select Behavioral Health or the title which best describes you as a provider (this will expand the list to more detailed codes):
 - a. For Example Addiction Specialist is 101YA0400X

Second, once you know your Taxonomy Code, you will need to sign up for a Personal NPI number.

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

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

What is a NPI Number: The NPI is a unique identification number for covered health care providers. Covered health care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses must use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA.

How do you obtain a NPI Number?

1. Refer to the "How to apply for an NPI"
2. Select "Create a Login"
3. Estimated time to complete application is 20 Minutes according to their website. Others report it taking 7-10 minutes.
4. Upon completion, a printout indicating a pending enumeration and tracking ID Number will be provided.

Why must you have a NPI Number?

- The administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for health care providers and health plans. The purpose of these provisions is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the electiveness of the electronic transmission of health information. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) to assign these unique identifiers.
- Anyone who bills Medicaid SBIRT must have their own Personal NPI Number.