

## **NPI Number National Provider Identifier Requirement**

All Residents at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics must have an NPI. The purpose of the NPI is to uniquely identify health care providers in standard transactions, such as health care claims, used to identify health care providers on prescriptions, in internal files to link proprietary provider identification numbers and other information, in coordination of benefits between health plans, in patient medical record systems, in program integrity files, and other ways.

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) requirement was adopted as the standard unique health identifier for health care providers to carry out a requirement in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) for the adoption of such a standard. Only the National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be used for identification purposes for a covered health care provider. Previous identifiers such as the Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN), Medicaid Provider, Medicare Provider Number will no longer be used after May 23, 2008.

### ***If you already have an NPI***

- Notify your UWHC Program Coordinator by e-mail along with the GME office ([uwgme@uwhealth.org](mailto:uwgme@uwhealth.org)) of your NPI number.
- Update all identifying information via the web (<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/>) within 30 days of the effective date of your address change. Use the following address  
*University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics  
600 Highland Ave,  
Madison, WI 53792*
- Print a copy of the address change form and submit to the GME Office, via fax (608)263-9830 or scan and send to [uwgme@uwhealth.org](mailto:uwgme@uwhealth.org).

### ***PG-1's or any Residents do not have an NPI***

- The UWHC GME office will apply for your NPI number thru the NPPES for you. It is not necessary to apply for your NPI number prior to starting your residency.

For the latest information regarding NPI issues for health care providers, visit this website: [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand)