

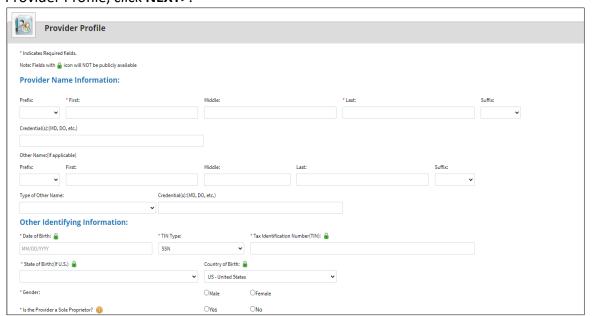
## **National Provider Identifier Application Instructions for SHARS Providers**

National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) are administered by the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Applying for a NPI takes just minutes and most applications are approved within 24-48 hours, with some being processed in as little as an hour. To apply for a NPI, follow these steps:

1. Log onto your <u>NPPES</u> account and select **Apply for an NPI for Myself**. (If you do not have an account, see NPPES Account Creation Procedures.)

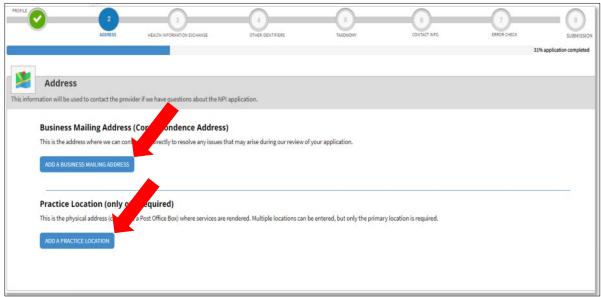


2. Complete the required fields for the Provider Profile. Required fields are identified with a \*. NOTE: When applying for a NPI for a district's School Health and Related Services (SHARS) purposes, answer the "Is the Provider a Sole Propietor?" be selecting "No." When done with Provider Profile, click **NEXT>**.

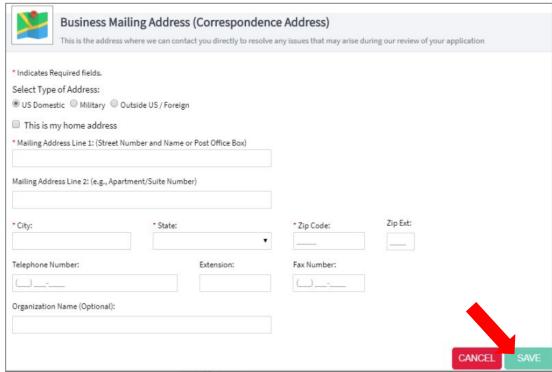




3. Complete the Address portion of the application. You will need to provide a Business Mailing Address and Practice Location. You may use the same address for both.



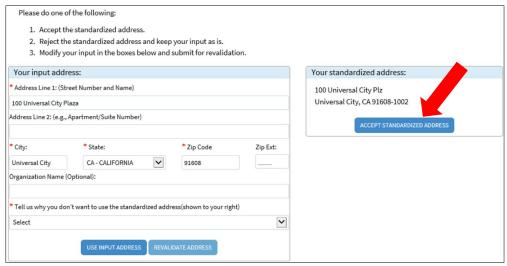
Start with the Business Mailing Address. Enter all required (\*) information.



- When applying for SHARS purposes, consider using the district's address as your Business Mailing Address. The address will be used to contact you with any issues related to your application.
- Click SAVE once all information has been entered.



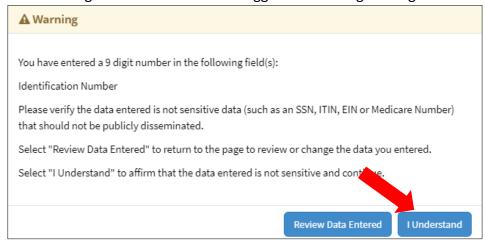
- Next, in most cases you will be asked to confirm/validate the address entered. Select ACCEPT STANDARDIZED ADDRESS or USE INPUT ADDRESS.
  - It is recommended you select ACCEPT STANDARDIZED ADDRESS. If you prefer to USE INPUT ADDRESS you will need to answer why you prefer to use your address to move forward.



- For the Practice Location, click ADD A PRACTICE LOCATION and enter all required (\*) information.
  - In most cases you will be asked to confirm/validate the address entered.
     Select ACCEPT STANDARDIZED ADDRESS or USE INPUT ADDRESS.
    - It is recommended you select ACCEPT STANDARDIZED ADDRESS. If you prefer to USE INPUT ADDRESS you will need to answer why you prefer to use your inputted address to move forward.
  - o Only one address is required, but you can enter the address of all campuses you provide SHARS services at for a district if you would like.
  - o If multiple addresses are entered, you will need to indicate which is the Primary Location for NPPES records.
- Once all addresses have been entered, click NEXT> at the bottom of the page.
- 4. The next portion of the application, HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, will automatically appear once the Address portion is completed. The information provided is used to create a network that can be used to share and access patient medical information electronically. This section is optional. If applying for a NPI for a school district's SHARS purposes, it is recommended that you skip this section. Click NEXT> at the bottom of the page to move forward.
- 5. Advancing from the HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE triggers the OTHER IDENTIFIERS page. This section is also optional. To skip, click **NEXT>** at the bottom of the screen.

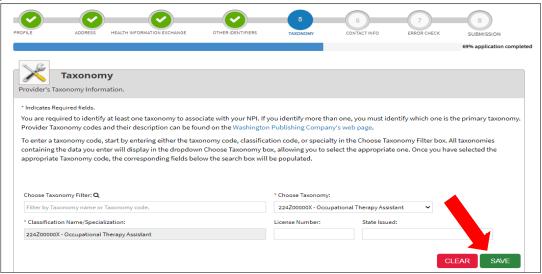


- If applying for a NPI for a Texas school district's SHARS purposes, it is recommended you associate the district's Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) with your account. To do so:
  - On Issurer, select 05 Medicaid
  - For Identification Number, enter your district's TPI and select TX Texas as the State Issued.
  - o Click SAVE.
  - o TPIs are 9 digit numbers and so will trigger the warning message below.



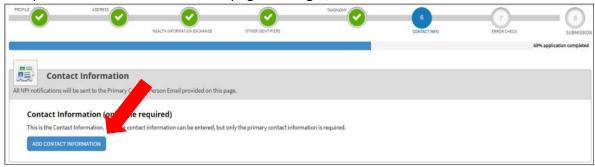
Click **I Understand** to proceed. Repeat this process if you work with multiple districts. Once all associated districts have been entered, click **NEXT>** to advance to the next section.

- 6. Next, complete the Taxonomy section. Taxonomy codes are 10 character codes used to designate your provider classification and specialization.
  - Use the Choose Taxonomy drop-down menu to select the code associated with your position.





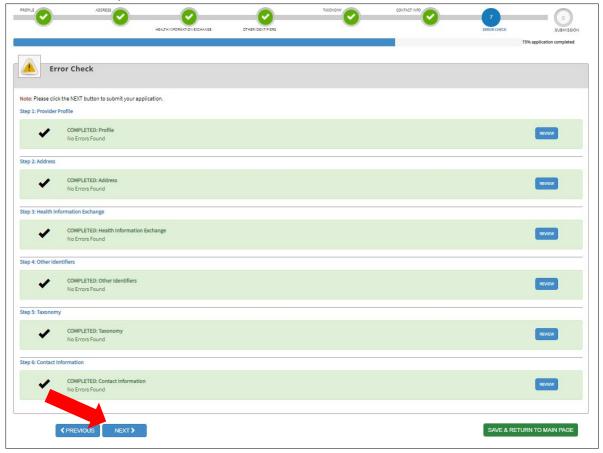
- If you are unsure which code to select, it is recommended you consult the board/agency that issued your licensure/certification.
- Once a code has been selected from the drop-down menu, the Classifiation Name/Specialization field will be auto-populated. Click SAVE.
- If you have multiple certifications/licensures to enter, repeat this process. The
  maximum that can be entered is 15. One will need to be identified as your Primary
  Taxonomy to advance. Once all taxonomy codes have been saved, click NEXT> to
  move forward.
- 7. Complete the Contact Information page. To begin, click **ADD CONTACT INFORMATION**.



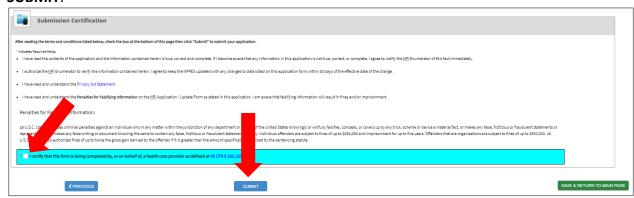
- To add yourself as the contact person for your account/application, click the radio box next to Contact Person is same as Myself. This will pre-fill all required fields. Click SAVE.
  - To appoint another person as a contact, click ADD ANOTHER CONTACT and complete all required fields. Repeat process as often as necessary.
  - o If multiple contacts are entered, select one to serve as the Primary.
- Once all contacts have been entered, click NEXT> to advance to the Error Check page.



8. Review the Error Check page. If you have completed all steps listed above you should see a check mark for each step, meaning your application is clear to be submitted. If any sections are not check marked you will need to go to that step and make whatever correction is noted on this page. Click **NEXT>** to advance to the Submission page once you see a check mark for each step.

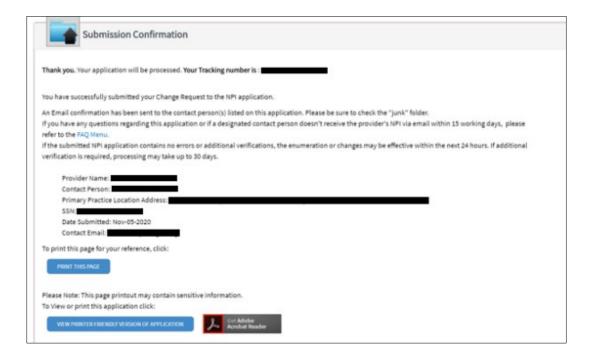


Before submitting your application, review the NPPES terms and conditions. If you agree to the terms, certify the application by clicking on the box inside the teal text bar. Then click SUBMIT.





10. Once submitted you will see a Submission Confirmation. The page will include a tracking number for your application. It is recommended you print a copy of this page for your records or at minimum, make note of the tracking number.



The contact person(s) you listed in the Contacts Info step will also receive this information via email. If you have not received your NPI via email within 15 days, contact NPI Enumerator at 1-800-465-3203 or by email at <a href="mailto:customerservice@npienumerator.com">customerservice@npienumerator.com</a>.

11. Log out of NPPES by clicking **Sign Out** in the top right hand corner of your screen.