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Feedback

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Answer

No. Providers that have not yet obtained NPIs, should do so immediately. Obtaining an NPI via the on-line National Plan/Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) is easy, and there is no charge. Failure to obtain an NPI may be viewed as a violation of the good faith provisions of CMS' contingency guidance.