

Alphabet Soup of Provider Credentialing

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Why is Credentialing Important?

- Patient Safety
- Build practice base
 - Allow for discounted amounts
- Direct link to managed care systems

Credentialing Timeline

- In general, the timeline for approval of credentialing applications is **30-180 days**, dependent upon the following:
 - Type of insurance carrier
 - Type of application
 - Type of physician
 - e.g., a physician new to the area, graduating resident or fellow
 - Change in provider status
 - e.g., switching EIN but remaining in same geographical area
- Consequences to untimely credentialing include
 - Loss of revenue
 - Inability to maintain practice base

Credentialing Definitions

NPI	National Provider Identifier	<p>Entity Type 1 Individual</p> <p>Entity Type 2 Organization</p> <p>Unique 10-digit ID number for covered health care providers</p> <p>Issued by National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)</p>
PTAN	Provider Transaction Access Number	<p>Medicare-only number issued to providers by Medicare (Medicaid) contractors upon enrollment to Medicare</p> <p>Provider's current legacy number with Medicare</p>
CAQH UPD (CAQH)	<p>Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare</p> <p>Universal Provider Database</p>	<p>Online provider data-collection service</p> <p>Standard electronic form that meets the needs of nearly every health plan, hospital, and other healthcare organization</p> <p>5 Steps: Registering; Completing the UPD Online Form; Authorizing UPD-participating Plan Access to the information; Verifying data entry/ Attesting; Submitting supporting documentation</p>
EIN (FEIN)	<p>Federal Employer Identification Number</p> <p>Federal Tax Identification Number</p>	<p>Unique 9-digit number assigned by the IRS</p> <p>Used for employment tax reporting and Identification (TIN)</p>
PECOS	<p>Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System</p>	<p>Electronic Medicare enrollment system</p> <p>Used for initial Medicare enrollment, revalidation, and change in enrollment</p>
NPPES	<p>National Plan & Provider Enumeration System</p>	<p>Administered by CMS</p> <p>System for applying for & receiving NPI</p> <p>Database for searching for an provider's NPI</p>

Credentialing Process

Tax ID

Group NPI

Group PTAN (Medicare)

Group PTAN (Medicaid)

Group Commercial Insurance

Individual NPI

CAQH

Individual PTAN
(Medicare)

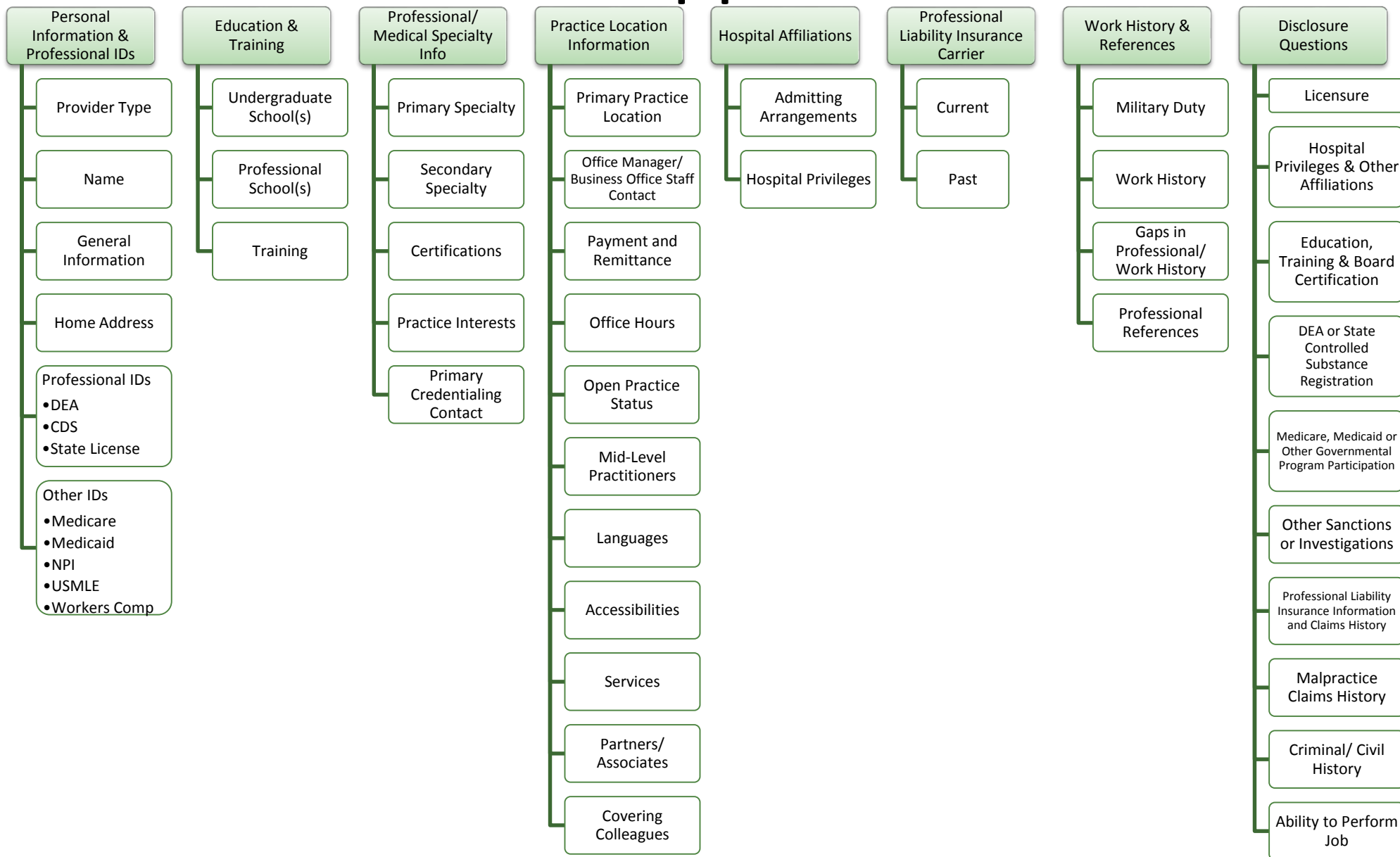
Individual PTAN
(Medicaid)

Individual Commercial Insurance

Additional PTAN issued for each
state of practice

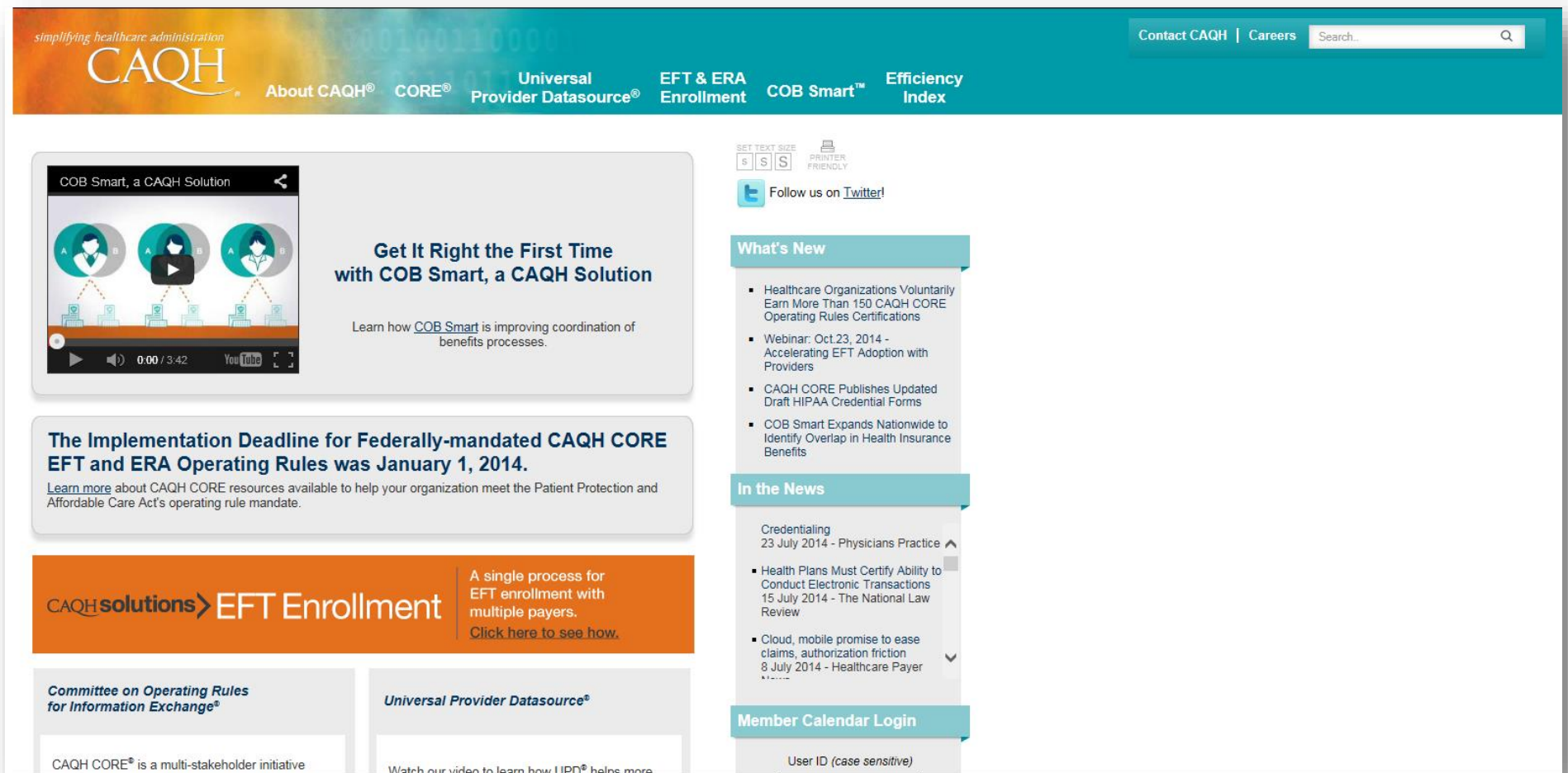
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CAQH Application



Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare

www.CAQH.org



The screenshot shows the CAQH website homepage. At the top, there is a teal navigation bar with the CAQH logo and the tagline "simplifying healthcare administration". The navigation menu includes links for "About CAQH", "CORE", "Universal Provider Datasource", "EFT & ERA Enrollment", "COB Smart", and "Efficiency Index". On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for "Contact CAQH" and "Careers", along with a search box.

The main content area features a video player titled "COB Smart, a CAQH Solution" with a play button and a video player interface showing a video of 0:00 / 3:42. To the right of the video, the text reads: "Get It Right the First Time with COB Smart, a CAQH Solution. Learn how [COB Smart](#) is improving coordination of benefits processes."

Below the video, there is a section titled "The Implementation Deadline for Federally-mandated CAQH CORE EFT and ERA Operating Rules was January 1, 2014." with a link to "Learn more" about CAQH CORE resources.

At the bottom of the main content area, there is an orange banner for "CAQH solutions > EFT Enrollment" with the text: "A single process for EFT enrollment with multiple payers. Click here to see how."

On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with several sections: "What's New" with a list of news items, "In the News" with a list of news items, and "Member Calendar Login" with a "User ID (case sensitive)" field.

At the bottom of the page, there are two boxes: "Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange" and "Universal Provider Datasource".

Members of CAQH

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Horizon BlueCross BlueShield of New Jersey

Kaiser Permanente

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WellPoint

PECOS

<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov>

Medicare Enrollment for Providers and Suppliers

Welcome to the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS)

(*) Red asterisk indicates a required field.

! IMPORTANT:

NPDES data is updated to PECOS periodically throughout the day. If you have recently created your NPDES User ID and Password, or changed any data, please allow couple of hours to one day for your login changes to take effect.

PECOS supports the Medicare Provider and Supplier enrollment process by allowing registered users to securely and electronically submit and manage Medicare enrollment information.

New to PECOS? View our [videos](#) at the bottom of this page.


USER LOGIN


You may use your NPDES or PECOS username and password to login.

* User ID

* Password

LOGIN 

[Forgot Password?](#) 

[Forgot User ID?](#) 


[Manage/Update User Profile](#) 

BECOME A REGISTERED USER

You may register for a user account if you are: an Individual Practitioner, Authorized or Delegated Official for a Provider or Supplier Organization, or an individual who works on behalf of Providers or Suppliers.

[Register for a user account](#)

[Questions? Learn more about registering for an account](#)

Note: If you are a Medical Provider or Supplier, you must [register for an NPI](#)  before enrolling with Medicare.

[Enrollment Tutorials](#)

NPPES

https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov



[Help](#)

National Provider Identifier

News & Announcements

This is VDC PROD Environment as of September 1, 2014.

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 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.

How to apply for an NPI

Individual Providers:

As an Individual Provider, you may only have a single NPI, which will be associated with your unique, individual information. Once you login to NPPES, you will be able to complete your NPI application.

1. [Create a Login](#) through the Identity & Access Management System (I&A).
2. Login to NPPES with your I&A Username and password.
3. Complete the NPI application. *Estimated time to complete the NPI application form is 20 minutes.*

Healthcare Provider Organizations:

Healthcare Organizations are currently required to have a separate Username and password for each NPI associated with the organization.

1. [Create an NPPES ONLY Username and password](#) for the NPI you are applying for.
2. Complete the NPI application. *Estimated time to complete the NPI application form is 20 minutes.*

DIFFERENT LOOK, SAME INFORMATION: If you have accessed NPPES before, your existing account information has not changed.

Manage or Apply for your personal NPI Record

An NPI assigned to you, an Individual who renders health care services.

User ID:

Password:



[Forgot User ID or Password?](#)

New Individual Provider in need of an NPI or have never accessed NPPES to view/update your NPI record? [Create a Login.](#)

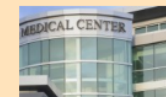
Manage your Individual Provider [Login Account Information.](#)

Manage or Apply for NPI Records for an Organization

NPI associated with your Healthcare Organization

User ID:

Password:



[Forgot Password?](#)

[Create Login for NPPES Only and Apply for an NPI for a Healthcare Organization.](#)

i If you need to access PECOS or HITECH on behalf of your Healthcare Organization, you must [Create a Login](#) in the Identity & Access System (I&A).

If you are an Organizational Provider with an NPI, and you would like to create a Login to access NPPES only, please click [here](#).

[Search the NPI Registry](#)

The NPI Registry enables you to search for a provider's NPPES information. All information produced by the NPI Registry is provided in accordance with the NPPES Data Dissemination Notice. Information in the NPI Registry is updated daily. You may run simple queries to retrieve this read-only data. For example, users may search for a provider by the NPI or Legal Business Name. There is no charge to use the NPI Registry.