

CMS Final Interoperability Rule sets deadline to update digital contact information in NPPES

CMS will begin publicly reporting in **late 2020** those providers who do not list or update their digital contact information in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). This includes providing digital contact information such as secure digital endpoints like a Direct Address and/or a FHIR API endpoint. Making the list of providers who do not provide this digital contact information public will encourage providers to make this valuable, secure contact information necessary to facilitate care coordination and data exchange easily accessible.

Endpoint for Exchanging Healthcare Information (optional)

* Indicates Required fields.

The exchange of health information between doctors, nurses, pharmacists, other health care providers and patients can use endpoints to appropriately access and securely share a patient's vital medical information electronically. An endpoint is a device/address that provides a secure way for participants to communicate with each other.

Endpoint information will be made available on the [NPI Registry](#), [APIs](#), and [Data Dissemination Files](#) for users to receive and consume.

Endpoints should not include personal email information.

* Endpoint Type: * Endpoint: Endpoint Description:

Endpoint Use: Endpoint Content Type:

* Is the Endpoint affiliated to another organization? Yes No * Endpoint Location:

[Add New Endpoint Location](#)

Screen shot of where to enter digital contact information in NPPES

What this means for Providers:

- CMS would require all individual health care providers and facilities to take immediate action to update their NPPES record online to add digital contact information.
- Providers should implement a monitoring and maintenance process to ensure internal provider directories include the most up to date digital contact information.
- Providers should work with their electronic health record (EHR) vendors to help them clean up provider files with up-to-date digital information and current National Provider Identifier (NPI).