



Hudson IPA is dedicated to supporting our physicians. As part of an ongoing effort to improve clinical quality measures, we will be periodically providing our physicians with our newest publication, *Quality Matters*. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or questions by e-mailing us at: vmingoia@hudsonipa.com

New Generic Availability

Simvastatin (Zocor) :
5, 10, 20, 40, 80 mg
tablets

Finasteride (Proscar):
5 mg tablets

Lamotrigin(Lamictal):
5 mg and 25 mg
chewable tablets

As of July 6, 2006, (all information believed to be accurate). Source: drugs@fda

Have you applied for your NPI?

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) will replace all of your existing provider numbers and replace it with one single ten digit identifier that will be accepted by all providers (as mandated by HIPPA). All covered entities will be required to comply by May 23, 2007 (small health plans have until May 23, 2008).

You can go to www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/ if you wish to learn more about the NPI program. Hudson IPA providers are encouraged to apply early.

You may do so in one of three ways:

1. Apply through a web-based application process (The application process takes approximately **20 minutes**). The web address is <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>
2. Prepare and send a paper application form to the Enumerator (Fox Systems). A copy of the application form, which includes the Enumerator's mailing address, can be found at:
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>
A health care provider may also call the Enumerator and request a blank application form. The Enumerator's phone number is 1-800-465-3203 or TTY 1-800-692-2326.
3. With the permission of the health care provider, an organization may submit a health care provider's application in an electronic file.

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ConnectiCare Inc & Affiliates Updated Pre-Authorization List

ConnectiCare of NY has recently provided Hudson IPA with an updated Pre-Authorization list that became effective of June 1, 2006. We have made this list available on our website: www.hudsonipa.com. Go to the News & Events page and click on "ConnectiCare News". If you would prefer to receive this information via fax or mail please call Lisa O'Hagan at (914) 366-4472, Ext 205, or call ConnectiCare directly at 1-800-828-3407.

In other news.. We recently mailed to some of our primary care providers a letter listing patients who had visits to the ER in 2005 but who had not seen their PCP for an office visit. From the feedback we have received, it appears that **most providers do not know who has selected them as their PCP**.

We can provide you with a monthly patient roster, in Excel spreadsheet format. Please send an e-mail with your request to vmingoia@hudsonipa.com. Rosters are available for Health Net and HIP health plans.

Rosters are not a guarantee of benefits nor a verification of eligibility. Please contact the health plan directly for verification of benefits or eligibility.