

# Getting Started as a New Practitioner

Are you a new physician looking to start your career as a medical practitioner?  
Here are 7 steps to follow to get started on the path to gaining credentials.

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## Earn your license.

Licensing boards can be complex and vary from state to state. Determine the state in which you'd like to work and apply for its state medical license.

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## Look for Employment.

Securing a job or a practice location can make the credentialing process easier.

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## Apply for a Tax ID.

If you are starting your own practice, you'll need a Tax ID. Assessing risk dependencies will help determine what form of business you'll want to create.

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## Get an NPI.

A National Provider Identifier is a 10-digit identifier that is required to submit claims. Health plans and healthcare clearinghouse use NPIs as the HIPAA-mandated Administrative Simplification Standard.

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## Register for CAQH.

Join the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare's database. This database houses self-entered professional and demographic information used for provider credentialing.

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## Get Malpractice Insurance.

This is a requirement and critical for any practicing medical professional.

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## Get on Insurance Panels.

Enroll with Medicare and Medicaid, as well as national and local commercial payers.

## Eyefinity New Provider Bundle

for qualified providers

**3 months free  
claims and remits\***

## Credentialing

- **10 payer packet plan -**  
\$25.00 per provider per month\*\*
- **15 payer packet plan -**  
\$40.00 per provider per month\*\*
- **Credentialing setup fee -**  
\$150.00 per provider
- **CAQH Profile creation -**  
\$200 per provider

Reach out to TPS to see  
if you qualify for this  
start up program.

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Starting the credentialing process can be long and complicated, but it doesn't have to be.  
Let TriZetto Provider Solutions, a Cognizant Company, do the heavy lifting.