

For the past couple weeks, I've been trying to get a medical check up. Not for anything bad. Just a general check up because my previous provider was no longer covered by my insurance provider as of April 2021. I went on to my insurance's website, found a list of providers within 20 miles of my zip code, and added a filter to limit the results to providers accepting new patients. I've redacted some information for personal reasons:



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Result for Family Doctor

265 In-Network Provider found within 20 miles of 37013

Choice Plus

Selected Sort/Filters

Distance, Accepting All Patients

Our network of providers and facilities is always evolving. Before making an appointment, please check that the provider, facility, or medical group is in your network. To find out, you can ask your provider or facility or you can check on

com

To my surprise, the first eight providers I called had the following issues:

- Not actually accepting new providers
- Provider was not at the location listed in results
- Provider was about an hour away from where I live
- Facility phone number was incorrect

At this point, I decided to stop calling one provider at a time and solve the dilemma **with data**.

First, I still needed the data from my insurance. The results from my insurance company had no specific order and were in a PDF format. Cleaning the data required a hands-on approach:

Before / Insurance PDF:

Clamp, Chrystal G, MD | Internal Medicine

1001 Health Park Dr Ste 600

ID: 00002517866 004

COLUMBIA MED GRP/FRIST CLINIC

Brentwood, TN 37027

Accepting All Patients

(615) 342-6900

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Holloway, Christopher D, MD | Family Practice

5380 Hickory Hollow Pkwy Ste 100

ID: 00002201428 011

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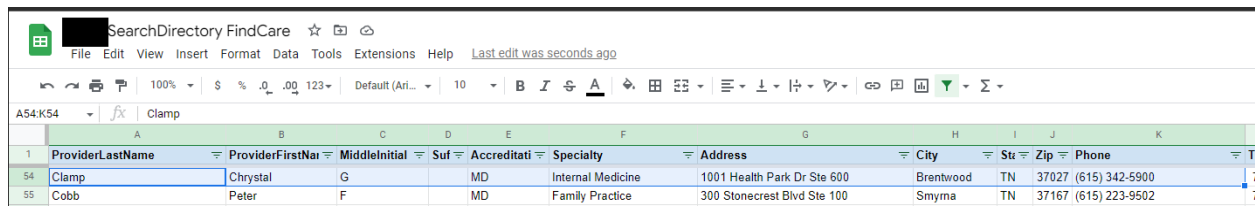
Antioch, TN 37013

Accepting All Patients

(615) 731-6390

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After / Excel file:



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	ProviderLast Name	ProviderFirst Name	Middle Initial	Suf	Accreditati	Specialty	Address	City	St	Zip	Phone
54	Clamp	Chrystal	G		MD	Internal Medicine	1001 Health Park Dr Ste 600	Brentwood	TN	37027	(615) 342-5900
55	Cobb	Peter	F		MD	Family Practice	300 Stonecrest Blvd Ste 100	Smyrna	TN	37167	(615) 223-9502

After cleaning the insurance data, I then went to solve the incorrect facility information. Luckily, there is a site where you can search from providers given their first names, last names, NPIs, etc.

<https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov/search>

Search NPI Records

NPI Number	NPI Type	Taxonomy Description		
<input type="text"/>	Any ▾	<input type="text"/>		
for individuals				
First Name	Last Name			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
for organizations				
Organization Name (LBN, DBA, Former LBN or Other Name)				
<input type="text"/>				
City	State	Country	Postal Code	Address Type
<input type="text"/>	Any ▾	Any ▾	<input type="text"/>	Any ▾
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to search for Exact Matches only ⓘ				
<p>** This search page is by default set to return similar and close results to your search keywords. You can check the box above if you only want the exact matches for your keywords to be returned in the search results.</p>				
<input type="button" value="Clear"/>		<input type="button" value="Search"/>		

Please Note: Issuance of an NPI does not ensure or validate that the Health Care Provider is Licensed or Credentialed. For more information please refer to [NPI: What You Need to Know](#)

NPI Registry Public Search is a free directory of all active **National Provider Identifier (NPI)** records. Healthcare providers acquire their unique 10-digit NPIs to identify themselves in a standard way throughout their industry.

Individuals or organizations apply for NPIs through the CMS **National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)**. After we supply an NPI, we publish the parts of the NPI record that have public relevance, including the provider's name, specialty (taxonomy) and practice address.

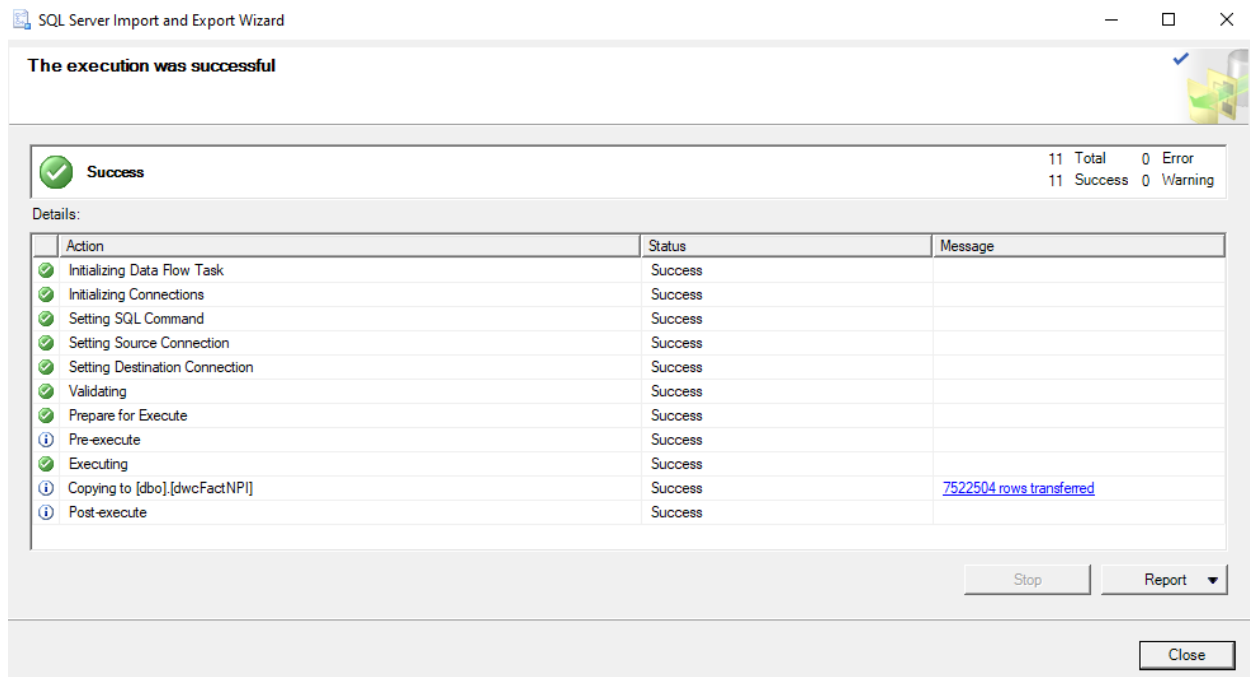
CMS provides this service based on federal law (45 CFR Part 162). We also supply this directory in a [full download](#) file, or through an [Application Programming Interface \(API\)](#).

If you are a provider with questions about your record, our Enumerator can assist you: 800.465.3203 | 800.692.2326 TTY | [email](#).



A federal government website managed by the
[U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)
7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244

I downloaded all provider data and uploaded it (plus the insurance data), into a local SQL Server instance I created on my personal computer:



I grouped the providers by facility and address. From there, I found a facility that was ten minutes from where I lived.

<pre> SELECT [FacilityName] ,NPI.[Provider First Line Business Practice Location Address] ,[ProviderCount] = count(*) FROM [Main_DW].[dbo].[dwcFact] Left Join [Main_DW].[dbo].[dwcFactNPI] (nolock) NPI on [ProviderFirstName] = NPI.[Provider First Name] and [ProviderLastName] = NPI.[Provider Last Name] and (NPI.[Provider Business Mailing Address State Name] = 'TN' or NPI.[Provider Business Practice Location Address State Name] = 'TN') Where [City] = 'Nashville' and [FacilityName] is not null and NPI.[Provider First Line Business Practice Location Address] is not null Group By [FacilityName],NPI.[Provider First Line Business Practice Location Address] Order by [ProviderCount] Desc </pre>			
<div>110 %</div> <div>Results Messages</div>			
	FacilityName	Provider First Line Business Practice Location Address	ProviderCount
1	VANDERBILT MEDICAL GROUP	3601 THE VANDERBILT CLINIC	7
2	SAINT THOMAS MEDICAL PARTNERS	300 20TH AVE N	3
3	SAINT THOMAS MEDICAL PARTNERS	6130 NOLENSVILLE RD	3
4	COLUMBIA MED GRP SOUTHERN HILLS	510 RECOVERY RD STE 201	2
5	AFC PHYSICIANS OF TENNESSEE	3601 THE VANDERBILT CLINIC	2
6	MEHARRY MEDICAL GROUP	1005 DR. D. B. TODD BLVD	2
7	ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING	131 FRENCH LANDING DR	2
8	SAINT THOMAS MEDICAL PARTNERS	136 DAVIS LN	1
9	SAINT THOMAS MEDICAL PARTNERS	150 COLLINS ST	1
10	SAINT THOMAS MEDICAL PARTNERS	151 E METRO DR STE 103	1
11	ALIVE HOSPICE/PROF FEES	1718 PATTERSON ST	1

Finally, after calling the facility, double checking they were accepting new patients, and were open to new patients, I now have an appointment.

Ascension Medical Group Saint Thomas Lenox Village



██████████, your appointment has been scheduled

📅 November 10, 2022 at ████████ AM CST

📄 Ascension Medical Group Saint Thomas Lenox Village



📍 6130 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211-6813

Reschedule

Add to Calendar

If this appointment is within 48 hours, please call (615) 846-1625 to cancel or reschedule.