



Social Security Number Removal Initiative

CMA is making some changes (Social Security Number Removal Initiative) to how they assign identifiers for Medicare to remove any linkage to the beneficiaries Social Security Numbers. The HICN (Health Insurance Claim Number) will be replaced with a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). For additional information on this initiative, please go to: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/SSNRI/Index.html> .

Please note, this does not change NPO's request that practices that are on our ADT system work to collect that last four digits of all patient's Social Security Numbers. This is used by the State HIE (MiHIN) to better match patient data from hospital visits to individual practice patient panels. If you have any questions about how the last four digits of the SSN are used in the process, please contact Ed Worthington (eworthington@npoinc.org).

PHI DISCLOSURE FORM

MSMS has provided MPO with a copy of standard authorization for PHI disclosure form. A copy of the form can be viewed/downloaded by [clicking here](#).

This form will work for general disclosures of protected health information; however, this form will *not* work in place of the eEHX/longitudinal record consent that eEHX connected practices provide to their patients. The consent for that system must remain separate. This is because eEHX is essentially an all or nothing patient consent. Either all the data listed on the eEHX consent is shared or not data is shared.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ed Worthington (eworthington@npoinc.org).

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- **Conscientious Objection among Physicians Presenter:** Jason Adam Wasserman, PhD, Oakland University, William Beaumont School of Medicine
- **Pain and Symptom Management Presenter:** Carl Christensen, MD, PhD, D-FASAM, FACOG, cMRO, Clinical Associate Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and OB Gyn, WSU School of Medicine

[Full Details & Registration](#)

Hot Off the Press!

Dr. Jeffrey Wentzloff, Grand Traverse Ophthalmology and fellow NPO member, participated in a study at University of Michigan on establishing a regional glaucoma physician collaborative to improve quality of care. The American Journal of Ophthalmology has published his article on the study, which can be read by [clicking here](#).

Congratulations, Dr. Wentzloff!



A REMINDER -

The eEHX/CCMR weekly Wednesday webinars *have been cancelled*. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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