



Authenticating Cervical Screening Providers Without A Medicare Provider Number

Overview:

If you are a healthcare provider but do not have a Medicare provider number, you can now more easily access participant information for the National Cervical Screening Program through the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR). This is done with a Register Identifier number.

Since the transition of the state and territory registers to the NCSR in December 2017, the NCSR has required cervical screening providers without a Medicare provider number to verify their identity each time, usually via a call back method, to access participant information.

What's new?

Cervical screening healthcare providers without a Medicare provider number will need to contact the NCSR to register their details and receive a Register Identifier number that can be reused to verify identity.

A Register Identifier is a unique number allocated to a healthcare provider and used to verify access to participant information each time a provider calls the NCSR contact centre.

Depending on the requirements of a state or territory authority, healthcare providers may have multiple Register Identifier numbers if they deliver cervical screening services in different locations.

Registration and access:

Registering access to the NCSR

To register for a Register Identifier and to gain access to the NCSR, you will either need to complete the [Register Identifier number request form](#) or call the contact centre on 1800 627 701 and provide the following information:

- full name
- clinic/practice name and phone number.

Following either of these processes, the contact centre operator will then call your clinic/practice to confirm your details. If the contact centre operator is unable to verify your details, they will request further information to complete the registration process.

Submitting screening tests

When submitting screening tests to public pathology laboratories, it is essential that you include the following information on participant forms:

- your Register Identifier number in place of a Medicare provider number (if submitting to a private lab, please use your Chief Medical Officer's, or equivalent, Medicare provider number)
- the participant's Medicare number.

Including the participant's Medicare number will enable easy identification of your participant when you go to access their data.

Access to participant information

To access participant information, you will need to call the NCSR contact centre and verify your details by providing the following information:

- full name
- Register Identifier
- clinic/practice address linked to the Register Identifier.

If the operator is unable to verify your details, further information may be required.



For more information, call the contact centre on 1800 627 701 or visit www.ncsr.gov.au.

