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ORDERING/REFERRING PROVIDER EDITS ~~~UPDATE~~~

On May 5, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released an interim final rule that implements several provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Previously, CMS announced the implementation date would be delayed until January 3, 2011.

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Medicare contractor's will be mailing a one-time solicitation letter to Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners who are currently enrolled in Medicare but who do not have enrollment records in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).

The letter will explain that Medicare records indicate the provider does not have an enrollment record in PECOS because the provider enrolled in Medicare prior to implementation of PECOS and has not submitted any updates or changes to his/her Medicare enrollment information in the past 6 (or more) years.

The provider should know that if he/she does not have an enrollment record in PECOS:

The provider's information may not be current and updating the record in PECOS ensures payment accuracy for the services provided to Medicare patients.

- It is possible that the provider may not be able to receive incentive payments from Medicare for meaningful use of certified electronic health records (EHR). These incentive payments are authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. More information on this initiative, also known as HITECH, is available at http://www.cms.gov/Recovery/11_HealthIT.asp on the CMS website.
- Many physicians and non-physician practitioners order items or services for Medicare beneficiaries. A provider needs an approved enrollment record in PECOS to continue to refer or order items or services for Medicare patients.

If a provider has not verified enrollment by accessing internet based PECOS, all Ordering/Referring and Rendering Providers are encouraged to verify their information today, log on to

<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do> on the CMS website or call Provider Enrollment at (866) 794-0466.

If revalidation is required this can be completed through PECOS or by submitting the paper enrollment application 8551, per CMS required update if not done since 11/2003.

REMEMBER: If your practice is receiving ANSI Reason Code CO121 with educational ANSI Remark Codes: N264 and/or N265, and if Referral Source was placed on the charge line, contact the Referral Source to inform him/her that he/she needs to verify their PECOS enrollment. If no Referral Source was placed on the charge line, note that MEDTRON auto sends Rendering Provider as Ref Src; the ANSI CO121, N264, N265 was regarding your own Rendering Provider who needs to verify his/her PECOS enrollment.

For details and more information please visit the CMS website at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/06_MedicareOrderingandReferring.asp

In the Downloads section of the CMS website (link above), there is a file available that contains the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the name (last name, first name) of all physicians and non-physician practitioners who are of a type/specialty that is legally eligible to order and refer in the Medicare program and who have current enrollment records in Medicare, i.e., they have enrollment records in PECOS.

Please contact Software Support at (985) 234-0599 or email support@medtronsoftware.com for further assistance.