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ORDERING/REFERRING PROVIDER EDITS URGENT 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). The new rule revises the information in MEDTRON's [030810 News Blast Ordering/Referring Provider Edits-Update](#) and **changes the implementation date for NPI inclusion on Medicare and Medicaid claims to July 6, 2010.**

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

This means that physicians and non-physician practitioners who order items or services for Medicare beneficiaries or who refer Medicare beneficiaries to other Medicare providers or suppliers only have until July 6, 2010 to establish a current enrollment record in Medicare prior to Phase 2 implementation. [See 120109 News Blast Ordering/Referring Provider Edits](#)

CMS continues to urge **physicians and non-physician practitioners** who are enrolled in Medicare but **who have not updated their Medicare enrollment record since November 2003 to update their enrollment record now.** If these physicians and non-physician practitioners have no changes to their enrollment data, they need to submit an initial enrollment application which will establish a current enrollment record in **PECOS.**

All Ordering/Referring and Rendering Providers need to verify their enrollment by accessing internet based PECOS (<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do>) on the CMS website or by calling Provider Enrollment at (866) 794-0466. If revalidation is required this can be completed through PECOS or by submitting the paper enrollment application 855I, per CMS required update if not done since 11/2003.

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 now 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.

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