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Dear Physician:

Based upon requirements set forth in the Social Security Act section 1833(q) CMS is expanding claim edits for Ordering/Referring Providers for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS). Effective, April 5, 2010, suppliers of DMEPOS will not receive payment from Medicare for items that are ordered if you do not have a current enrollment in the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). Not being enrolled could result in your patient not receiving the item or services needed or being held financially liable. Please help your DMEPOS suppliers continue to provide quality service to your patients by promptly enrolling in PECOS if you have not already done so, or by updating your Medicare enrollment if you have not done so since November 2003.

For any DMEPOS item to be covered by Medicare, it must be ordered by a physician or a practitioner who is eligible to order such items. Physicians or practitioners must be enrolled in PECOS and must be indicated in the system as specialty eligible to order DMEPOS items for Medicare beneficiaries.

The providers who can order DMEPOS items include:

- Doctor of
 - Medicine
 - Osteopathy
 - Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine
 - Podiatry
 - Optometry
- Physicians Assistant
- Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Practitioner

Physicians and non-physician practitioners who are enrolled in the Medicare Program but who have not updated their enrollment by submitting a completed CMS 855 enrollment application since 2003 are required to submit all applicable Medicare enrollment applications to become PECOS enrolled. If physicians or non-physician practitioners have any questions or concerns regarding the application process they should contact their local Medicare contractor/local carrier.

For additional information regarding PECOS and the Medicare enrollment process please go to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid web site at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll>

Sincerely,

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