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## **PECOS**

Dear Clinician,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding claim edits for ordering/referring providers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS). Effective January 1, 2014, specific edits were implemented that will prevent DMEPOS suppliers from receiving payment from Medicare for items that you have prescribed if you do not have a current enrollment in the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). Please help your Medicare patients to continue to be able to receive services you order by promptly enrolling in PECOS, or by updating your existing Medicare enrollment information if you have not done so recently.

For any DMEPOS item to qualify for coverage by Medicare it must be ordered by a physician or a practitioner who is eligible to order such item. To be eligible:

- Physicians or practitioners must be enrolled in PECOS and
- Must be registered in the system and
- Have a specialty that is eligible to order DMEPOS items for Medicare beneficiaries.

The provider specialties who can order DMEPOS items include:

- Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy
- Doctor of Dental Medicine or Dental Surgery
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
- Physician Assistant
- Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Optometry

In order to continue to order DMEPOS for Medicare beneficiaries, you will have to enroll in the Medicare program or "revalidate" your Medicare enrollment information. You may do so by:

- Using Internet-based PECOS, or
- By filling out the appropriate Medicare provider enrollment application(s) and mailing it, along with any required information, to the local Medicare carrier or A/B MAC, who will enter your information into PECOS and process your enrollment application.

To confirm if you have a current enrollment record in Medicare, contact your designated enrollment contractor or you can go on-line, using Internet-based PECOS, to view your enrollment record. While

viewing your PECOS record, take time to ensure that your NPI and name are listed correctly. Update your enrollment record with any necessary corrections.

We remind you that your enrollment in PECOS is required for your patients to receive their Medicare covered benefits for DMEPOS items. For additional information, consult with your Local A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor.

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