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Regarding Medicare Referrals and Payments Provider Enrollment, Chain & Ownership System (PECOS)

As of July 6th, 2010, all clinicians who refer Medicare patients for medical imaging services must have a current enrollment record in the PECOS system or the submitted claim will be rejected. Below are some tips to aid you in this Medicare enrollment process, if your current enrollment is not valid.

Clinicians who have not updated their Medicare enrollment record since November 2003, need to update immediately to establish a current enrollment record in PECOS. This process may take 6+ weeks to complete. To continue to refer services to Medicare beneficiaries, it is necessary to submit an enrollment application by either:

- using internet-based PECOS which transmits enrollment application via the internet, to the Medicare carrier or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC). The practitioner must also mail a signed and dated Certification Statement to the Carrier or A/B MAC immediately after submitting the application. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/> . This process takes about 45 days.
- filling out the appropriate paper Medicare Provider Enrollment Application (CMS-855I and CMS-855R, if appropriate) and mailing the application to the local Medicare carrier or A/B MAC, who will enter your information into PECOS and process the enrollment application. Include all required additional documentation. Information on how to enroll in Medicare is found on the Medicare Provider/Supplier Enrollment Web Site. This process can take up to 60 days.

When submitting the application, use your ID and password established with NPPES. For questions about NPPES user ID and passwords, contact the NPI enumerator at 800-465-3203 or email customerservice@npienumerator.com. Contact information for the CMS External User Services Help Desk for information about using the PECOS enrollment system is 866-484-8049 or email eussupport@cqi.com.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact our Marketing Department at 360-337-6530.