

Medicare's Claim Edits for Ordering/Referring Providers

Are you a provider/supplier that receives orders/referrals from physicians and/or non-physician practitioners enrolled in Medicare that has not updated their enrollment record in PECOS?

Although enrolled in Medicare, many physicians and non-physician practitioners who are eligible to order items or services or refer Medicare beneficiaries to other Medicare providers or suppliers for services do not have current enrollment records with Medicare. A current enrollment record is one that is in the Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).

How it may impact you

For claims received on or after January 3, 2011, for items/services requiring a referring/ordering provider, claims processing editing will verify the ordering/referring provider submitted on the claim is of the specialty eligible to order/refer and is either enrolled in PECOS or on the contractor's master provider file. If either of these requirements is not met, the billing provider will not receive payment for the ordered/referred items/services billed. The claims will be rejected.

FCSO is hosting a webcast on Tuesday, September 21- Medicare's claim edits for ordering/referring providers Part B. If you bill for services ordered or referred by Medicare physicians and non-physician practitioners, or if you're a physician or non-physician practitioner who refers or orders services for Medicare beneficiaries, you don't want to miss this important webcast. <http://medicare.fcso.com/Events/174568.asp>

To participate in this webcast, please register by Monday, September 20.

Please [click here](#) for registration instructions

Time limit for filing Medicare claims has changed

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care ACT (PPACA) was signed into law on March 23, 2010. Under PPACA and starting January 1, 2011, claims must be filed within one year of the date of service. Be sure that your staff is aware of these changes.

Timely claim filing guidelines

Dates of service on or after January 1, 2010	Dates of service October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009	Dates of service prior to October 1, 2009
Claim must be filed within one calendar year after the date of service.	Claim must be submitted by December 31, 2010 .	October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009 claim must be submitted by December 31, 2010 .

Reference source: <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7080.pdf>