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PECOS Clarification

I have received questions regarding the need to comply with PECOS if a provider has recently enrolled in Medicare. The short answer is yes, you should have met the requirements and already have complied with PECOS. However, I would caution those who still have questions or doubts to read the information below that was taken from previous communications from CMS, and follow the links if needed.

I hope that this will provide the necessary answers.

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Source I

Any physician (e.g., DPM) who, either by paper application or via the Internet:

- 1) Enrolled in Medicare subsequent to 2003; or
- 2) Updated their Medicare data since 2003

has automatically had their information placed into the PECOS database. If the above describes you, you should verify your PECOS status by contacting your local Medicare carrier's Provider Relations Department.

Source II

o If you are not enrolled in the Medicare program, or if you enrolled more than 5 years ago and have not submitted any updates or changes to your enrollment information in 5 years, you do not have an enrollment record in PECOS. 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 (1) using Internet-based PECOS (which transmits your enrollment application to the Medicare carrier or A/B MAC via the Internet (be sure to mail the signed and dated Certification Statement to the carrier or A/B MAC

immediately after submitting the application), or (2) by filling out the appropriate paper Medicare provider enrollment application(s) and mailing it, along with any required additional paper information, to the local Medicare carrier or A/B MAC, who will enter your information into PECOS and process your enrollment application. Information about enrolling in Medicare is found on the CMS web site at www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll.

o Make sure you have a current enrollment record in Medicare. You can do this by calling your designated enrollment contractor or you can go on-line, using Internet-based PECOS, to view your enrollment record. While doing so, if you have a PECOS record, ensure that your NPI is in it. If it is not, update your enrollment record. You can find information about Internet-based PECOS and a link to Internet-based PECOS at www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll. We recommend that all providers and suppliers read the information and downloadable documents about Internet-based PECOS that are available on the CMS provider/supplier enrollment web page: www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll

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