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PECOS Update

I have received a number of member inquiries regarding the need to comply with PECOS enrollment. As you should be aware, CMS recently delayed this requirement until January 3, 2011. Initially, the major impact was thought to be limited to providers of DME. It is now apparent that most, if not all, providers of Medicare services will need to comply.

To appreciate the provider issues confronting compliance, this past October, I instructed my office to start the process. I intended to use this experience as a learning exercise to better assist the membership and appreciate potential pitfalls.

It has been several months and although I have made substantial headway, it has been a frustrating and laborious endeavor, having taken longer than anticipated. Minor errors or omissions can and, in many cases, will cause the process to be delayed and/or come to a halt until deficiencies are identified and corrective action is taken.

Many of us may be in denial and procrastinating to avoid this unpleasant process. I must caution everyone, by not making this a priority, providers are delaying the inevitable, which may result in financial consequences/cessation of payments.

In closing, don't delay! Start the process as soon as possible, since it can take a number of months to correctly complete the enrollment. The unfortunate outcome of noncompliance may result in cessation of payments if providers find that they have not complied by the new deadline.

An attachment has been provided that pertains to this issue. You can also view this information on-line by clicking [here](#).

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