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Medicare proposes PECOS cutoff date of July 6th, 2010

Once again, Medicare is attempting to change the cutoff date for enrollment in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) database. PECOS is an electronic database that Medicare has established which lists physicians (including Podiatrists) who are eligible to prescribe (order) DME products for their patients. If you are not enrolled by July 6th, Medicare can choose to fine you, as of now it is an unspecified amount. Before July 6th, you have the option of submitting comments on this proposal to Medicare. They will take all comments into consideration before making a final decision on whether to uphold cutoff date or what fines to impose after the cutoff date. **IF YOU HAVE NOT ENROLLED IN MEDICARE** or updated your information with Medicare since 2003, you will **NOT** be listed in PECOS.

Comments may be submitted to Medicare via the following recommended methods:

Electronically: You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov> Key Word PECOS then check CMS on the left side – it should be the first folder. Please refer to file code CMS-6010-IFC in your email.

By express or overnight mail: You may send written comments to the following address only: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-6010-IFC, Mail Stop C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

How to Enroll in PECOS:

- 1) Use the following link to the PECOS website: <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov>
- 2) Log on to PECOS with the same User ID and Password when accessing the NPPES database for your Individual NPI number. Call NPPES @800-465-3203 for assistance with you password.
- 3) Once you have entered your User ID and Password they will ask you to create a new password.
- 4) Click on “**MY ENROLLMENTS**” and then click on “**NEW APPLICATION**”
- 5) Once you have completed the “new application”, click on the “**SUBMIT**”, add your Fee-For Service Contractor, and then **print out** the **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT, CMS-460 MEDICARE PARTICIPATING PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER AGREEMENT** sign in **BLUE** ink and send **via certified mail** with the requested documentation.

You can contact PECOS directly by calling 1-866-484-8049 or by email EUSupport@cgi.com.

As always, if you have any questions you can contact SureFit at 1-800-298-6050.