

Dear Dr. :

As an orthotic and prosthetic facility that appreciates your past referrals and hopes to continue to be able to offer care to your patients, we wanted to make you aware of a situation that will affect your ability to make referrals for Medicare patients.

CMS (The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) began the process of implementing new regulations that require all referring physicians to be enrolled in Medicare through the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) in order to be eligible to refer their Medicare patients for DMEPOS and other services. These regulations were to go into effect on January 3, 2011, but with the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), the deadline to enroll in PECOS has been moved up to July 6, 2010.

Starting on July 6, 2010, if you have not enrolled through PECOS, you will no longer be able to refer patients for durable medical equipment, orthotics, prosthetics, supplies and eventually clinical laboratory and radiological services.

In order to avoid this situation, you need to re-enroll with Medicare through the PECOS system. You can find information on PECOS and how to enroll at the CMS website www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll. For additional information, you can also access the CMS MedLearn Matters article at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6421.pdf> (see page 3 under Key Points.)

Please be assured that we regret any additional work that this new Medicare requirement may impose on your very busy practice. Unfortunately, unless you re-enroll with Medicare through the PECOS system, neither our office nor any other O&P facility will be able to provide care to your Medicare patients effective July 6.

We appreciate your previous referrals and sincerely hope that we will be able to continue to serve you and your patients in the future.

Sincerely,