



## PENRAD Imaging and PECOS

### **THE ISSUE**

PENRAD Imaging continues to experience a large number of denied claims on Medicare patients (we are not getting paid for services rendered on Medicare patients) for those referring providers who are not enrolled (or enrolled properly) in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).

In the past, resubmitting claims or changing the referring provider in the system may have been permissible, but that is no longer the case.

United HealthCare (UHC) Medicare Senior Plans is now also denying payment for those providers that are not enrolled (or properly enrolled) in PECOS.

### **PENRAD Imaging's POSITION**

Unfortunately, PENRAD Imaging will be unable to accept referring provider's Medicare patients and UHC Medicare/Senior Plans, unless and/or until we have verification that the Providers/Practices have enrolled in PECOS.

- ❖ You may have already been contacted about this from another one of these 4 types of entities. This law applies not just to PENRAD Imaging, but to any radiology provider, laboratories, suppliers of DMEPOS for ordered DMEPOS, and claims for Part A HHAs.

### **SHORT TERM SOLUTION**

In the interim, an order can be placed by someone in your practice that is properly enrolled within PECOS.

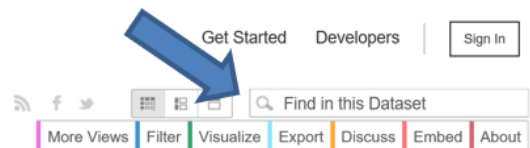
### **LONG TERM SOLUTION**

Enroll in PECOS. We have included on this document the steps needed to initiate enrollment. Once you have enrolled and can provide verification, please contact Provider Relations at 719.785.9000 to ensure your name/practice is marked as "PECOS Approved." If you are not sure if you are enrolled in PECOS, enter your NPI number here. If your name does not populate, you are not enrolled.

Data.CMS.gov

#### Order and Referring

Order and Referring data file has National Provider Identifier (NPI) and legal name (last name, first name) of all physicians and non-physician practitioners who are of a type(specialty that is



<https://data.cms.gov/Medicare-Enrollment/Order-and-Referring/qcn7-gc3g/data>

PENRAD Imaging values our relationship with you; we care about our mutual patients and wish to maintain our partnership.

# Requirements for Ordering/Referring

**1**  **NPI**

The ordering/referring provider's NPI must be for an individual physician or NPP

Apply or verify NPI online  
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

**2**



The physician or NPP must be enrolled in Medicare

Apply or verify enrollment online  
<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do>

**3**



The physician or NPP must be of a specialty type that is eligible to order and refer

## Part B and DMEPOS

- Certified Nurse-Midwives;
- Clinical Nurse Specialists;
- Clinical Psychologists;
- Clinical Social Workers;
- Interns, Residents, and Fellows;
- Nurse Practitioners;
- Optometrists may only order and refer laboratory and X-Ray services payable under Medicare Part B and DMEPOS products/services;
- Physician Assistants; and
- Physicians (Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy, Doctors of Dental Medicine, Doctors of Dental Surgery, Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, or Doctors of Optometry)

## Part A Home Health Agency

- Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy; and
- Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

## Claims with Ordering/Referring Information

CMS instructed MACs to **turn on the Phase 2 denial edits on January 6, 2014**. These edits will check the following claims for a valid individual NPI and deny the claim when this information is invalid:



- ☒ Claims from clinical laboratories for ordered tests
- ☒ Claims from imaging centers for ordered imaging procedures
- ☒ Claims from suppliers of DMEPOS for ordered DMEPOS
- ☒ Claims from Part A HHAs

For more information about the Medicare enrollment process, visit the Medicare Provider-Supplier Enrollment webpage at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/index.html>