



## Please Read – Important Information Regarding Your Patient’s Medicare Reimbursements

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Attention Providers:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) previously announced the implementation of the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). This enrollment system was set for an effective date of January 3, 2011. Due to set-backs the new effective date is now projected for early summer 2011. InHealth Technologies encourages all prescribing practitioners to complete the enrollment process as soon as possible. Choosing not to enroll will directly result in the eventual denial of your Medicare patient’s reimbursements.

Upon Medicare’s PECOS effective date Medicare may only be billed for items that are ordered, in writing, by physician and non-physician practitioners who are enrolled in PECOS and who are eligible to order such services. Eligible ordering practitioners, as communicated by CMS, are as follows:

Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy	Physician Assistant	Podiatric Surgery	Clinical Social Worker
Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	Clinical Psychologist	Dental Surgery	Dental Medicine
Certified Nurse Midwife	Chiropractic Medicine	Nurse Practitioner	Optometry

- All claims must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the name of the ordering physician or non-physician practitioner.
- The Medicare system will review each claim submitted to assure the ordering practitioner’s name and NPI are included. It will also verify that the practitioner is licensed, per the providers named above, and that the practitioner is enrolled in PECOS. If all of the above mentioned criteria are not met when submitting your patient’s claims they will be denied citing, “...ORDERING PROVIDER NOT AUTHORIZED “ and no reimbursement will be issued.

Currently, InHealth Technologies is seeing many Medicare claims reporting, “WARNING: ...ORDERING PROVIDER NOT AUTHORIZED”. Once PECOS is active these warnings will become denials of reimbursement.

For more information please refer to the following government webpages:  
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6421.pdf> (Authorized providers)  
[http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04\\_InternetbasedPECOS.asp](http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04_InternetbasedPECOS.asp) (PECOS Enrollment)

If you have questions regarding this notification and request please do not hesitate to contact our Medicare Specialist at 800-477-5969, option 3.

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