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Protecting Your Privacy, Protecting Your Medicare Enrollment Record
IMPORTANT MEDICARE INFORMATION

Dear Valued DJO Customer,

We are writing to advise you of Medicare's new initiative to help protect your Medicare enrollment information by updating your records in the *Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS)*. Although Medicare has launched an awareness campaign regarding PECOS to the provider community, we have found that many of our customers are unaware of this initiative. Therefore, we are providing this information directly to our DJO customers as a service to you.

Have you enrolled in Medicare or updated your Medicare enrollment information within the past 5 years?

If you enrolled more than 5 years ago and have not submitted any updates to your Medicare enrollment information, you will need to update your Medicare enrollment information in PECOS now.



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Why is it important to DJO that you are aware of this campaign and that you update your records now in PECOS?

As of April 5, 2010 – Medicare will **not** pay DJO, or any other supplier of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (“DMEPOS”), for any DMEPOS items you order for your Medicare beneficiaries if you are not in PECOS. Medicare will make payment only if you are in the PECOS system!

We want to continue to service your Medicare patients efficiently. Please help us avoid any potential disruptions to their care by enrolling in PECOS now. To help expedite the process, please consider using the Internet-based PECOS.

We have attached to this letter an important Medicare communication on PECOS, and have also listed some key CMS Internet links that will provide you with additional information. We thank you in advance for taking the time to ensure that your Medicare enrollment information is up-to-date, and for enabling us to continue to service your Medicare patients without disruption.

If you have a question about this information and would like someone from DJO to contact you, please email us at corporate.compliance@djoglobal.com.

Sincerely,

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Key Medicare Internet links regarding PECOS

CMS Home Site for Internet based PECOS:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04_InternetbasedPECOS.asp#TopOfPage

MLN Matters Article on PECOS:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0914.pdf>

Access to Internet PECOS:

<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do>

Navigating PECOS (sample enrollment screen shots):

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/PECOSWebScreenExample.pdf>

Contact Information for PECOS assistance:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/ContactInformation.pdf>

Protecting Your Privacy (Link for document on next page of this communication)

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/MedPhysPrivacy.pdf>



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Medicare Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners *Protecting Your Privacy, Protecting Your Medicare Enrollment Record*

If you are a physician or non-physician practitioner who is enrolled in Medicare, or who is planning to enroll in Medicare, it is important that you protect your Medicare enrollment information from getting into the hands of dishonest and unscrupulous people—personal identity thieves. When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) gives physicians and non-physician practitioners Internet access to their Medicare enrollment information, they will need to take proactive steps to protect their Medicare enrollment information.

IS YOUR MEDICARE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION CURRENT?

If you enrolled in Medicare or updated your Medicare enrollment information within the past 5 years, your Medicare enrollment information is stored in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). This is an electronic system in which Medicare contractors enter the Medicare enrollment information that you provided on the Medicare enrollment application.

If you enrolled more than 5 years ago and have not submitted any updates to your Medicare enrollment information, you will need to update your Medicare enrollment information. Doing so will ensure that your Medicare enrollment information is in PECOS.

YOU CAN USE INTERNET-BASED PECOS!

CMS has made PECOS available to physicians and non-physician practitioners. This means that you can enroll in Medicare or update your Medicare enrollment information yourself, over the Internet. If you decide to use the Internet to enroll or update your Medicare enrollment information, you will benefit in several ways: PECOS ensures that you submit all required information; you can print your completed application/update before you submit it; you can print a list of required paper documentation that needs to be mailed to the Medicare enrollment contractor at the time you submit your application; you can check the status of your application/update by using the Internet; and your application/update is processed more quickly than a paper transaction.

YOU NEED TO PROTECT YOUR ENROLLMENT DATA! HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO.

Your Medicare enrollment information contains personal information. You need to protect it. You need to take steps to ensure that your Medicare enrollment information does not get into the hands of people who can use that information to commit fraud.

