

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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To: Congressional Health Staff

From: Amy Hall
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Re: Important Information on Section 6405 of the Affordable Care Act

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a notice relating the statutory requirement for all ordering and referring providers to be enrolled in the Medicare program.

This notice is being disseminated through Medicare's list serve to providers, suppliers, and their trade organizations as well as beneficiary advocacy organizations. Under section 6405 of the Affordable Care Act and the interim final regulation, CMS-6010-IFC, issued by CMS on May 5, 2010, any physician or eligible professional who orders, certifies or refers Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, or Supplies (DMEPOS), home health services, or non-drug Part B items or services must be enrolled in Medicare by July 1, 2010. The purpose of the statutory provision and the accompanying regulations is to ensure that only eligible and identifiable providers and suppliers are able to submit claims to Medicare for payment.

The press release is available at https://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp.

For more information on the notice, please contact the Office of Legislation with additional questions.