

# National Provider Call Ordering & Referring

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# Ordering & Referring

**Ordering & Referring:** CMS-6010 requires all Providers who Order or Refer services for certain procedures, services, or medical equipment, to be enrolled in an approved or opt out status with Medicare, or claims will be denied.

- On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, CMS announced the ordering and referring edits will be turned on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and provided 60 days advanced notice to the provider community.
- CMS is closely monitoring the number of providers not yet enrolled or registered with Medicare, and the number of informational messages.
- Part B, DME, & HHA Providers are being contacted when there have been Organizational NPIs (Type II NPIs) on the claim.

# Ordering and Referring Requirements

- The physician or non-physician practitioner who has elected to order and refer must be enrolled in Medicare or in an opt-out status.
- The ordering/referring National Provider Identifier (NPI) must be for an individual physician or non-physician practitioner (not an organizational NPI).
- The physician or non-physician practitioner must be of a specialty that is eligible to order and refer.
- CMS-855O is the Medicare enrollment form to register to solely order and refer.

# Ordering & Referring Requirements

- The claims impacted by the ordering/referring rule are:
  - Part B
  - DME
  - Home Health
- The rule does not apply to prescription drugs, or services of physician specialists.
- Applies to physicians and non-physician practitioners (including interns, residents, fellows, and those who are employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), the Department of Defense (DoD), or the Public Health Service (PHS)) who order or refer items or services for Medicare beneficiaries.

# Ordering and Referring: Interns & Residents

- The final rule states that State-licensed residents may enroll to order or refer and may be listed on claims.
- Claims for covered items and services from unlicensed interns and residents may still specify the name and NPI of the teaching physician.
- If States provide provisional licenses or otherwise permit residents to practice or order and refer services, interns and residents are allowed to enroll to order and refer consistent with State law.

# Ordering and Referring Educational Material

**Available on** [www.cms.gov/medicareprovidersupenroll](http://www.cms.gov/medicareprovidersupenroll) - “Ordering & Referring Information” tab:

- SE1305, "Full Implementation of Edits on the Ordering/Referring Providers in Medicare Part B, DME, and Part A Home Health Agency (HHA) Claims“
- “Medicare Enrollment Guidelines for Ordering/Referring Providers” Fact Sheet
- “The Basics of Medicare Enrollment for Physicians Who Infrequently Receive Medicare Reimbursement” Fact Sheet

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