



Form CMS-855O Processing Guide

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for eligible ordering, certifying physicians, and other eligible professionals who order or certify items or services for Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10355 adds, to the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, a supplementary guide that educates physicians and other eligible professionals on the preparation and submission of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services form (CMS)-855O. The CR does not involve any legislative or regulatory policies

BACKGROUND

Most physicians and eligible professionals (as defined in section 1848(K)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act) enroll in the Medicare program to be reimbursed for the covered services they furnish to Medicare beneficiaries. However, with the implementation of Section 6405 of the Affordable Care Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires certain physicians and eligible professionals to enroll in the Medicare program not for reimbursement for furnishing services, but rather for the sole purpose of ordering, or certifying, items or services for Medicare beneficiaries.

The providers who may enroll in Medicare solely for the purpose of ordering and certifying include those who are:

- Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy
- Doctors of Dental Medicine
- Doctors of Dental Surgery
- Doctors of Podiatric Medicine
- Doctors of Optometry
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Clinical Nurse Specialists

- Nurse Practitioners
- Clinical Psychologists
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Residents (as defined in 42 C.F.R. section 413.75(b)) in an approved medical residency program
- Retired Physicians who are licensed

These providers can enroll for the sole purpose of ordering or certifying items or services for Medicare beneficiaries by completing the Form CMS-855O via paper or the Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) process. To obtain additional information on Internet-based PECOS, refer to <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/InternetbasedPECOS.html>.

CR10355 adds a new supplemental guide to the Medicare Program Integrity Manual titled: Processing the CMS-855O Medicare Enrollment Application – Enrollment for Eligible Ordering, Certifying Physicians, and Other Eligible Professionals. This supplementary guide has been developed to educate providers and suppliers on the preparation and submission of the form CMS-855O.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10355, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R773PI.pdf>. You will find the Form CMS-855O Processing Guide as an attachment to this CR.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>

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