

ACO UPDATE

Is Your Practice Up to Date in PECOS?

What is PECOS?

The Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) is the electronic Medicare enrollment system. PECOS is the source of truth with CMS for individual providers participating in a Tax Identification Number (TIN). The Scripps ACO, as a Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) ACO, has the ability to enroll a TIN as an MSSP participant and annually to add or remove TINs. Unfortunately, Scripps ACO does not have the access or authority to update your PECOS information on a regular basis which confirms an individual clinician's participation in the TIN and the MSSP.

What do you need to do?

MSSP ACO participants need to keep their provider enrollment information up-to-date, including the addition and deletion of any ACO providers billing through the TIN of the ACO participant. Please notify Scripps ACO within 30 days of enacting any changes in PECOS. Annually, ACO participants will be asked to review and certify the accuracy of the data in PECOS in an MSSP certification audit.

Please note that a newly added National Provider Identifier (NPI) enrolled in PECOS does not immediately qualify the individual NPI to become a member of the ACO. The NPI must successfully complete the ACO credentialing process in order to confirm their membership in the Scripps ACO. This can be initiated by your designated practice outreach manager.

If you have issues with PECOS, we encourage you to contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) or CMS' External User Services (EUS) at 866-484-8049 or review the resources below.

CMS Resources:

PECOS Technical Assistance Contact Information: <u>go.cms.gov/2FxiC6A</u> PECOS for Physicians and Non-Physicians: <u>go.cms.gov/2TXB9BK</u> PECOS FAQ: <u>go.cms.gov/2U3cpHH</u>

If you have any questions, contact your region's practice outreach manager: North of SR-52, please contact: **Stacy Pevney** at <u>pevney.stacy@scrippshealth.org</u> or 858-537-7910.

South of SR-52, please contact: **Eydie Strouse** at <u>strouse.eydie@scrippshealth.org</u> or 619-279-9868.

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