

PECOS Information

If a provider has not had any changes in his Medicare information since Fall 2003, then he is not in PECOS and will need to send in an updated application shortly. If they you have had changes (moved your office, added providers), even if you sent in a paper application, you should be in PECOS. I understand that First Coast *does not* want you to just go on line and do an application. First Coast is in the process of sending letters to providers who are not in PECOS and will instruct you to file an updated application either on line or via paper. This letter should be received within the next few months. Here are some additional informational links:

Information on CMS website: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04_InternetbasedPECOS.asp

To get into the PECOS system, a provider needs to have his NPPES user ID and password. If you have a NPI number, he should have a NPPES user ID and password. This information is at: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do> to log in and change the password. For information on how to change and reset the password, go to the “help” area in the top right corner of the page and select “reset password page”.

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/get-involved.shtml> This is a link to the AMA with current updates.

Tips to expedite your Medicare enrollment process

Medicare Enrollment Applications/Forms (**CMS-855A, CMS-855B, CMS-855I, and CMS-855R, 06/06 versions**) submitted to First Coast Service Options, Inc. (FCSO) must be completed with accurate information and must have all supporting documentation attached. FCSO Provider Enrollment staff will review all submitted applications, and as necessary, will send a letter asking for additional information and/or documentation. The following tips regard the most common reasons for which FCSO **must** request additional information and/or documentation.

http://medicare.fcso.com/PE_Tips_and_tutorials/138279.asp

The AMA and MGMA also have a new tool that can assist physician practices in navigating the new requirements of the Medicare enrollment process and help doctors successfully enroll as quickly as possible without interrupting patient care or Medicare reimbursements. This resource is free to members of the AMA and MGMA. You can access it at : <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/x-ama/upload/mm/399/medicare-enrollment-toolkit.pdf> . It has a section on PECOS.