The flow chart below provides an overview of the information in this fact sheet.

Requirements for Ordering/Referring

1 NPI

The ordering/referring provider's NPI must be for an individual physician or NPP

2



The physician or NPP must be enrolled in Medicare

3



The physician or NPP must be of a specialty type that is eligible to order and refer

Apply or verify NPI online

https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do

Apply or verify

https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do

Claims with Ordering/ Referring Information

CMS instructed MACs to turn on the Phase 2 denial edits on January 6, 2014. These edits will check the following claims for a valid individual NPI and deny the claim when this information is invalid:



- Claims from clinical laboratories for ordered tests
- Claims from imaging centers for ordered imaging procedures
- Claims from suppliers of DMEPOS for ordered DMEPOS
- Claims from Part A HHAs

Part B and DMEPOS

- Certified Nurse-Midwives;
- Clinical Nurse Specialists;
- Clinical Psychologists;
- Clinical Social Workers;
- Interns, Residents, and Fellows;
- Nurse Practitioners;
- Optometrists may only order and refer laboratory and X-Ray services payable under Medicare Part B and DMEPOS products/services;
- Physician Assistants; and
- Physicians (Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy, Doctors of Dental Medicine, Doctors of Dental Surgery, Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, or Doctors of Optometry)

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- Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy; and
- Doctors of Podiatric Medicine