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GOVERNMENT ISSUES THAT AFFECT HEALTHCARE BILLING & MANAGEMENT

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To: HBMA Membership
From: HBMA Government Relations Committee
Re: CMS Extends Revalidation

Section 6401 (a) of the Affordable Care Act established a requirement for all enrolled providers and suppliers to revalidate their enrollment information under new enrollment screening criteria. This effort applies to all those providers and suppliers that were enrolled prior to March 25, 2011.

CMS has announced that the revalidation notices will now be sent through March of 2015, rather than the original deadline of March 23, 2013.

NOTE: This extension does not affect those providers which have already received a revalidation notice. If a provider has received a revalidation notice from the contractor, the provider must respond to the request by completing the application through internet-based PECOS or by completing the appropriate 855 application.

This extension came in part due to feedback received from HBMA and other key industry stakeholders. CMS meets quarterly with industry stakeholders and the provider community to solicit feedback to improve the PECOS internet-based system. Enhancements and updates are made quarterly to PECOS based on this feedback and CMS is continuing to work to make improvements and reduce the burden on providers. Significant improvements will be made during the January, 2012 and April 2012 PECOS updates and the announcements for these updates will be made closer to the release dates.

A link to the latest revalidation MLN is available at:
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/SE1126.pdf>

Revalidation FAQ's are available at:
http://eushelpdesk.com/PECOS/revalidation_FAQs.html

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