

## Ordering/Referring Physician File Now Available

CMS has made available a file that contains the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the name (last name, first name) of all physicians and non physician practitioners who are of a type/specialty that is eligible to order and refer in the Medicare program and who have current enrollment records in Medicare (i.e., they have enrollment records in PECOS that contain an NPI).

This file is downloadable from the Medicare provider/supplier enrollment Web site at:

[www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll),

Click on “Ordering/Referring Report” on the left-hand side.

**(Please note that this Adobe file contains approximately 800,000 records. Due to the large size of this Adobe file, Medicare suggests you right click and select “Save as” before attempting to open this file).**

A new file will be made available periodically that will replace the posted file; at any given time, only one file (the most recent) will be available. The file can be viewed online. In addition, it can be downloaded by users with technical expertise and further sorted or manipulated. It can also be used to search for a particular physician or non physician practitioner by NPI or by name.

Please note the following: (1) Records are in alphabetical order based on the surname of the physician or non physician practitioner. (2) Name suffixes (e.g., Jr.), if they exist, are not displayed. (3) There are no “duplicates” in the file. Many physicians or non physician practitioners share the same first and last name; their corresponding NPIs are the assurance of uniqueness. (4) Deceased physicians and non physician practitioners are not included in the file. (5) If a user is unsure of a physician or non physician practitioner’s NPI, he or she can look it up in the NPI Registry at:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>.

Keep in mind that the record in the NPI Registry is not the Medicare PECOS enrollment record.

For guidance on this issue, contact us through the Third Party Insurance Help Program.