

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Physician Note: CMS Vastly Improves PECOS System

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As most Part B practices are aware, registering with CMS's PECOS system has had its share of headaches--but thanks to a few recent improvements, you could be getting some relief.

On August 13, CMS announced several enhancements to its online PECOS enrollment system that may make your life easier, as follows:

- You can now submit your entire enrollment application online -- gone are the days of having to mail copies of supporting documentation
- If you reassign benefits to organizations with multiple locations, you'll be able to designate a primary and secondary practice location on your enrollment application
- You can now enter more than one contact person in the PECOS "contact information" section
- The "geographic location" section of the enrollment application will now allow you to enter a county designation

For more on the PECOS system, visit <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do>.