

Understanding the HITECH Attestation Process

Key Attestation Registration Elements

1. TIN/SSN
2. NPI
3. PTAN
4. PECOS Enrollment Status
5. Taxonomy Codes

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TIN (Tax Identification Number)/EIN
(Employer Identification Number)

HITECH Incentive Payment made to
the TIN the associated with the
applicant NPI

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Independent/solo practitioner may have TIN/EIN or social security number

Provider in a group will use the groups TIN/EIN

Providers in institutions will use the institutional TIN/EIN

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The TIN/EIN is the “payee” in the HITECH program.

Meaningful use is determined by NPI but payment is made to the TIN/EIN.

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NPI (National Provider Identifier)

Is used to identify the individual eligible provider and organization.

NPPES (National Plan and Provider Enumerations System) – Fox Systems, the enumerator

NPI Registry – Public domain file of enumerated individuals and organizations

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At the time of initial enrollment all entities received an NPI User ID and Password.

This is the User ID and Password to access the HITECH registration system.

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NPI issues:

Update Information

practice location
taxonomy codes

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Provider Transaction Access Number

PTAN – CMS legacy identification number issued when provider competes Medicare enrollment process in PECOS (Provider Enrollment and Chain Ownership System)

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PTAN + NPI = Claims payment
CMS Crosswalk

The PTAN “validates” the NPI

PTAN+NPI= “Golden Match”

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PTAN HITECH functionality

The PTAN represents the PECOS enrollment file which contains the TIN/EIN(s) of the organization(s) the eligible professional has assigned benefits to (has an affiliation(s) with).

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For registration to be successful the eligible participant must have an NPI which identifies a PTAN that represents PECOS enrollment file which attests to the applicant's affiliation with the organization whose TIN/EIN is identified in the HITECH registration

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How to establish an assignment of benefits with an organization for HITECH payment –

CMS 855R

Medicare Enrollment Application-
Reassignment of Medicare Benefits

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Solo practitioners and sole proprietors will use EINs or SSNs for HITECH payment purposes

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PECOS Issues:

Ordering/Referring Provider File

Mandatory for Medicare claims
payment

Imperative enrollment information
kept current.

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PECOS Enrollment 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 revalidation effort applies to those providers and suppliers that were enrolled prior to March 25, 2011.

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Taxonomy Codes

NPI Registration requires declaration of a primary taxonomy code(s)

Imperative taxonomy code in NPPES matches declared specialty in PECOS

Taxonomy code payment edits

Scope of Services determinations

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For successful HITECH attestation
provider information in:

NPPES

PECOS

HITECH

must match!

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URL

https://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/06_MedicareOrderingandReferring.asp

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

<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov>

www.wpc-edi.com/reference (taxonomy codes)