

Providers and CFCs Q and A for December 2009

Question:

I have been billing electronically for several years as registered as a "Solo practice for independent providers". Now I understand that everyone has to register as a group practice (agencies). I'd like clarification and reason for this.

Answer:

If this provider was billing for years as Solo without any issues then no change should have occurred. No one should have told the provider to change if there were no apparent problems. Any providers signing up for the first time are directed to sign up as group practice/provider and this is the only documentation available to them. This decision was made due to user errors in their provider set up and billing. There were a lot of claims being denied due to provider not enrolled which actually meant the data in Qclaims did not match the data in CBO or the "non person" box was marked on the claim in Qclaims. Solo practice means the payee name and rendering provider name is the same (box 31 and 33). However other issues would occur if the provider decided to have someone work under them. The Solo practice would not work. It is cleaner and easier to have everyone doing the same thing.