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The National Participating Physician Directory contains valuable information about Medicare participating physicians for the use of beneficiaries, their families, and their caregivers. In order to ensure that the Directory includes the most up-to-date information, practicing physicians should check the accuracy of their listings and use the feedback tool on our web site to notify CMS about any information that is incorrect, has changed, or to advise us if you are not listed in the Directory.

Information Included in the Directory

The following information is available regarding Medicare participating physicians (those who have agreed to always accept assignment):

- Name and address (including a mapping feature)
- Medical specialty
- Business telephone number
- Medical school and year of graduation
- Board certification in a medical specialty
- Gender
- Hospital affiliation
- Foreign language
- Residency and internship program (coming soon)
- Sanctions against individual physicians (coming soon)
- Whether accepting new Medicare patients (coming soon)

How to Check Accuracy of Your Information

The accuracy of your listing can be checked by clicking on the “Participating Physician Directory “ from the home page of <http://www.medicare.gov>. Our feedback tool is available to correct any information that is incorrect, has changed, or to advise us if you are not listed in the Directory. The Directory will be updated on a monthly basis. For additional information about the Directory, click on “Physician Note” at the bottom of the page. You may also link to the Directory from the CMS web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/> (under “Participation”).

NOTE: Only participating physicians who have agreed to accept assignment on all Medicare claims and covered services are included in the Directory. Assignment does not apply to Medicare managed care or private fee-for-service plans.