

### What is HETS?

- HETS (HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System) is Medicare's real-time system used to check a patient's eligibility electronically through 270/271 transactions.
- It allows providers—or their vendor/clearinghouse—to access Medicare eligibility data securely.
- CMS requires that eligibility data is only shared with organizations that have a legitimate business relationship with the provider. The attestation is how that relationship is confirmed.

### What does "HETS attestation" mean?

- The attestation is your confirmation that:
- "This vendor/clearinghouse is authorized to check Medicare eligibility on behalf of my NPI."
- CMS and the MACs use this to control who can submit eligibility requests tied to your NPI.

### What are providers required to do?

To meet HETS attestation requirements, providers must:

- Enroll in HETS EDI access (or confirm enrollment is complete) with your MAC/CEDI using your:
  - NPI
  - PTAN
  - Vendor/clearinghouse submitter ID(s)
- Complete the HETS EDI Enrollment/Attestation in your MAC's portal (e.g., EDISS Connect, HEET, or similar):
  - Select or add your vendor/clearinghouse
  - Attest to a valid business relationship
  - Review and accept CMS EDI Terms & Conditions and HETS Rules of Behavior
  - Ensure the form is submitted by an authorized or delegated official (name and date required)
  - Keep your information up to date:
    - When changing vendors or submission methods
    - When adding or removing NPIs
  - By re-attesting at least annually (or as required by your MAC)

### What happens if this is not completed?

- Without an active HETS EDI enrollment/attestation:
- Eligibility (270/271) requests may be rejected
- You may lose access to Medicare eligibility data until resolved

## Additional Resources

- **HETS EDI: How to Enroll**

<https://www.cms.gov/data-research/cms-information-technology/hipaa-eligibility-transaction-system-hets/hets-edi-how-enroll>

- **Submitter ID Lookup & EDISS Connect Instructions** (for applicable states):
  - <https://www.edissweb.com/documents/9685108/9726899/hets-attestations-in-edissconnect.pdf>
- **EDI Recertification Portal:**
  - <https://connect.edissweb.com/>
- **Authorized Signer Information (PECOS):**
  - The signer must be authorized per PECOS records.
  - Visit: <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov>

## Annual Requirement Reminder

Providers and vendors must **recertify EDI enrollment annually**. This ensures compliance with CMS standards and maintains secure, uninterrupted data exchange.

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