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Answer

This is a bug in how yum deals with being run as a non-root user.

The error messages you get saying that you are not registered for RHN and that RHN support will be disabled are incorrect.

The work-around is to always run yum as root.