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Announcing the Release of the Revised CMS-855 Medicare Enrollment Applications

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Provider Types Affected

All Medicare physicians, providers, and suppliers

Key Points

- Special Edition article SE0632 outlines the significant revisions to the Medicare enrollment applications. They are as follows:

Enhancements

- Improved the application's aesthetics via a more visually appealing format, larger font, clarified headings, and the use of plain language.
- Revised cover page to include instructions that help applicants submit the correct enrollment application, inform applicants where to mail the application, and provide information on the documents that must be furnished with the enrollment application.
- Added tips on how to avoid delays in the enrollment process.
- Redesigned Section 17 (Supporting Documentation) to make it easier for providers and suppliers to know which documents must be submitted with an enrollment application.

Significant Changes

- Require the submission of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and a copy of the NPI notification furnished by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System with each enrollment application (see special note on this below).
- Require that providers and suppliers complete the Authorization Agreement for Electronic Funds Transfer (CMS-588) when initially enrolling or, if they are currently not receiving payments via EFT, making a change to their enrollment information.
- Removed Sections 9 (Electronic Claims Submission Information), 10 (Staffing Companies), and 11 (Surety Bonds) from the application. In addition, information regarding overpayments no longer must be submitted.

Note: Medicare is requiring the submission of the NPI with the enrollment application for the following reasons:

1. It enables Medicare to build and validate its crosswalk in a timely manner; and
2. It will enable Medicare and providers to assure timely claims payment at the deadline.

Application-Specific Changes for Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners (CMS-855I)

- A sole proprietor who incorporates (and who is the sole owner of that business) only needs to complete the CMS 855I form.
- In the past, such suppliers had to complete the CMS 855B, CMS 855I and CMS 855R.
- The person will still need to report information about the practice, such as the legal business name and adverse legal history.

Application-Specific Changes for Clinics/Group Practices and Certain Other Suppliers (CMS-855B)

- Removed the requirement to collect crew member and certain vehicle information from ambulance companies **in Attachment 1 of the application.**
- Revised the Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility information contained in Attachment 2 of the application.

Application-Specific Changes for Institutional Providers (CMS-855A)

- Eliminated questions dealing with fiscal intermediary preferences. This change implements section 911(d) (2) (B) of the Medicare Modernization Act. See MLN Matters article SE0582 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0582.pdf> for further information.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0632.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0582.pdf>

For additional information regarding the implementation of the NPI, please review the MLN articles at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0555.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0528.pdf>, and

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4023.pdf> on the CMS website.

For additional information regarding the Medicare enrollment process, including the mailing address and telephone number for the carrier or FI serving their area, providers should visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll> on the CMS website.