



Verification of Legalized Status – JA6748

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Contractors Affected

- Medicare Carriers
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected Physicians and non-physician practitioners submitting a Medicare enrollment application (the paper-based enrollment application (CMS-855I) or the Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain & Ownership System (PECOS) enrollment application) to Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs in order to provide Medicare services



Change Request (CR) 6748 states that a carrier and A/B MAC must verify that a physician or non-physician practitioner enrolling, reactivating a deactivated billing number, or responding to a contractor request for revalidation must be legally authorized to furnish medical services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Needs to Know...

- If the physician or non-physician practitioner is not eligible to work in the United States, Puerto Rico, or a United States Territory, the contractor must deny the enrollment application pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 424.530(a)(1).

Revised Manual Language

- The revised language added to the *Medicare Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 10 (Medicare Provider/Supplier Enrollment) is attached to CR6748.

Background

If a physician or non-physician practitioner indicates in Section 2 of his/her Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855I or Internet-based PECOS) that he/she was born in a foreign country, the Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC will verify that the physician or non-physician practitioner is a United States citizen, a permanent resident of the United States, or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States. **These requirements are consistent with the requirements for obtaining a Social Security Number.**

**Operational
Impact**

N/A

**Reference
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6748.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6748) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R323PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

Additional information about Medicare provider and supplier enrollment can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll> on the CMS website.
