



## Announcing the Release of the Revised CMS-855 Medicare Enrollment Applications - JA0924

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**Key Words** SE0924, Enrollment, Application, CMS-855

**Contractors Affected**

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

**Provider Types Affected** All Medicare physicians, non-physician practitioners, and other suppliers (excluding suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS))



MLN Matters® article SE0924 outlines the significant revisions to the Medicare CMS-855B and CMS-855I enrollment applications.

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

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- Significant changes to the CMS-855I include:
  - Incorporated conforming regulatory changes throughout the application;
  - Added Speech Language Pathologist to pages 1 and 9;
  - Changed the term “adverse legal action” to “final adverse action” throughout the document;
  - Removed the reference to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank from page 12;

- Clarified that a "individual (type 1) NPI" should be provided on page 4;
- Revised and clarified #2 on the Certification Statement (page 25); and
- Added the phrase "(blue preferred)" after "All signatures must be original and signed in ink" on page 26.

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

- Significant changes to the CMS-855B include:
    - Incorporated conforming regulatory changes throughout the application;
    - Removed "Slide Preparation Facility" from pages 1 and 9;
    - Removed "Public Health/Welfare Agency" from page 9;
    - Removed the sentence "If you are a single specialty clinic/group practice, the specialty must be reported" from page 9;
    - Changed the term "adverse legal action" to "final adverse action" throughout the document;
    - Removed the reference to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank from page 11;
    - Revised and clarified #1 on the Certification Statement (page 30); and
    - Added the phrase "(blue preferred)" after "All signatures must be original and signed in ink" on pages 31, 32, 33, and 46.
  - In addition, and consistent with Change Request 6499, the supporting documentation sections of the CMS-855I and CMS-855B applications have been revised to limit the amount of supporting documentation required when submitting the Medicare enrollment application.
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#### **Background**

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued revised Medicare enrollment applications for physicians, non-physician practitioners, and other suppliers (except DMEPOS suppliers), using the CMS-855B and/or the CMS-855I to enroll or make a change in their enrollment information.
  - The changes were based on the publication of the final rule with comment titled, "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2009; Revisions to the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer Generated Facsimile Transmissions; and the Competitive Acquisition for Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) (CMS-1403-FC/CMS-1270-F2."
  - While Medicare contractors will continue to accept the 02/2008 version of the Medicare enrollment application through November 30, 2009, physicians, non-physician practitioners, and other suppliers should begin to use the new Medicare enrollment applications (i.e., "(02/2008) (EF 07/2009)") immediately.
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- Initially, these applications will be available only from the CMS provider enrollment website. The link for that CMS website is listed in the Reference Materials section below.
  - In the coming weeks, these forms will also be available from the Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs.
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Operational Impact	N/A
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Reference Materials	<p>The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/se0924.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/se0924.pdf</a> on the CMS website.</p> <p>Providers may find additional information for their area, regarding the Medicare enrollment process, including the mailing address and telephone number for the carrier or A/B MAC, by visiting the CMS provider enrollment website at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll</a> on the CMS website.</p> <p>SE0612 contains helpful information about the Medicare enrollment process. It may be viewed at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0612.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0612.pdf</a> on the CMS website.</p>
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