



2010 Annual Participation Enrollment Program Extension – JA0929

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Contractors Affected

- Medicare Carriers
- Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)

Provider Types Affected This article is for physicians currently participating in Medicare or considering participation during 2010.



- Due to recent revisions that were made to the 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the 2010 Annual Participation Enrollment Program end date from December 31, 2009, to **March 17, 2010**. Therefore, the enrollment period now runs from **November 13, 2009**, through **March 17, 2010**.
- The effective date for any participation status change during the extension remains January 1, 2010, and will be in force for the entire year.
- Medicare Carriers and MACs will accept and process any participation elections or withdrawals made during the extended enrollment period that are received or post-marked on or before **March 17, 2010**.

Provider Needs to Know...

- This is an extension of the annual participation enrollment period dates in Change Request (CR) 6637 (Transmittal 1832 -- *Calendar Year (CY) 2010 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures*), dated October 16, 2009.

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- CR6637 is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1832CP.pdf> on the CMS website.
 - The Participation Agreement (CMS-Form 460) is available on the CD-ROM that is sent out annually by Medicare contractors during the Annual Participation Enrollment period.
 - Contractors will also make the Participation Agreement available to providers by placing it on their websites with participation enrollment (and termination) instructions.
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Background

Medicare contractors conduct an enrollment period on an annual basis in order to provide eligible physicians, practitioners, and suppliers with an opportunity to make their calendar year Medicare participation decision by December 31.

**Operational
Impact**

N/A

**Reference
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0929.pdf> on the CMS website.
