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Incorporation of Certain Provider Enrollment Policies in CMS-4159-F into Pub. 100-08, Program Integrity Manual (PIM), Chapter 15

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and eligible professionals who prescribe Medicare Part D drugs, and for providers and suppliers that submit claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 8901 incorporates into Chapter 15 of the “Program Integrity Manual” (PIM) several provider enrollment policies in the final rule titled, “Medicare Program; Contract Year 2015 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs.”

Key Points of CR8901

The key points of the updated Chapter 15 of the “Medicare Program Integrity Manual” are as follows:

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- If a MAC approves a provider's or supplier's Form CMS-855 reactivation application or Reactivation Certification Package (RCP) for a Part B non-certified supplier, the reactivation effective date will be the date the MAC received the application or RCP that was processed to completion. Also, upon reactivating billing privileges for a Part B non-certified supplier, the MAC will issue a new Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN).
- CMS may deny a physician's or eligible professional's Form CMS-855 enrollment application under § 424.530(a)(11) if:
 - The physician's or eligible professional's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Certificate of Registration to dispense a controlled substance is currently suspended or revoked; or
 - The applicable licensing or administrative body for any state in which the physician or eligible professional practices has suspended or revoked the physician's or eligible professional's ability to prescribe drugs, and such suspension or revocation is in effect on the date the physician or eligible professional submits his or her enrollment application to the Medicare contractor.
- CMS may revoke a physician's or eligible professional's Medicare enrollment under § 424.535(a)(13) if:
 - The physician's or eligible professional's DEA Certificate of Registration is suspended or revoked; or
 - The applicable licensing or administrative body for any state in which the physician or eligible professional practices has suspended or revoked the physician's or eligible professional's ability to prescribe drugs.
- CMS may revoke a physician's or eligible professional's Medicare enrollment under § 424.535(a)(14) if CMS determines that the physician or eligible professional has a pattern or practice of prescribing Part D drugs that falls into one of the following categories:
 - The pattern or practice is abusive or represents a threat to the health and safety of Medicare beneficiaries or both.
 - The pattern or practice of prescribing fails to meet Medicare requirements.

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Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8901, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R561PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net-work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

Seasonal Flu Vaccinations - Generally, Medicare Part B covers one flu vaccination and its administration per flu season for beneficiaries without co-pay or deductible. Now is the perfect time to vaccinate beneficiaries. Health care providers are encouraged to get a flu vaccine to help protect themselves from the flu and to keep from spreading it to their family, co-workers, and patients. Note: The flu vaccine is not a Part D-covered drug. For more information on coverage and billing of the influenza vaccine and its administration, please visit [MLN Matters® Article MM8890](#), “Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2014-2015 Season” and [MLN Matters® Article SE1431](#), “2014-2015 Influenza (Flu) Resources for Health Care Professionals.”

While some providers may offer flu vaccines, those that don't can help their patients locate flu vaccines within their local community. The [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) is a free online service where users can search for locations offering flu and other adult vaccines. If you provide vaccination services and would like to be included in the HealthMap Vaccine Finder database, [register](#) for an account to submit your information in the database. Also, visit the CDC [Influenza \(Flu\)](#) web page for the latest information on flu including the CDC 2014-2015 recommendations for the prevention and control of influenza.

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