

HARDSHIP EXCEPTIONS

FAQ Number	Question	Answer
14113	On the new hardship application form for the 2017 payment adjustment, there is nothing which says documentation is required to be submitted with the application form. Does this mean that CMS will only require the selection of a hardship category and the completion of the provider's identifying information in order to approve a hardship exception; or will CMS be reviewing the application and documentation on a case-by-case basis for each provider?	CMS does not require an EP, eligible hospital, or CAH – or any group of providers – to submit documentation for the hardship category selected and CMS will not be reviewing documentation supporting the application on a case-by-case basis. CMS will review the application to record the category selected and use the identifying information to approve the hardship exception for each provider listed on the application. Providers should retain documentation of their circumstances for their own records, but no such documentation is required for review by CMS.