



# Client Alert



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## CMS Extends Medicare Enrollment Revalidation Period

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), recently announced that it will extend the Medicare enrollment revalidation period for an additional two years. The revalidation period was initially scheduled to conclude by March 2013. Revalidation notices will now be sent to providers through March of 2015.

Section 6401(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires all Medicare providers and suppliers that were enrolled prior to March 25, 2011 to revalidate their Medicare enrollment information. The first set of revalidation notices went to providers not currently enrolled in the Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System (PECOS), but are billing Medicare. CMS has posted a list of providers that have been sent a revalidation request, which is available by clicking [here](#).<sup>1</sup> Providers that are not enrolled through PECOS and have not received a revalidation letter should contact their Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). Upon receipt of the revalidation request, providers have 60 days from the date of the letter to submit the completed enrollment forms. Failure to submit the required forms may result in deactivation of Medicare billing privileges.

ACA also requires CMS to impose a fee on institutional providers and suppliers for revalidation. The fee for CY 2012 is \$523.00. Institutional provider means "any provider or supplier that submits a paper Medicare enrollment application using the CMS-855A, CMS-855B (except physician and non-physician practitioner organizations), or CMS-855S forms or associated Internet-based PECOS enrollment application." The fee must be paid by automated clearing house debit, or credit card.

For providers that are not enrolled through PECOS, the revalidation request is sent to the special payments or primary practice address. For providers in PECOS, the request will be sent to the special payments and correspondence addresses simultaneously and if these addresses are the same, the request will also be sent to the primary practice address.

Providers who have already received a revalidation notice from their MAC are not affected by this extension and must complete the revalidation application either through PECOS or the applicable 855 form.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/11\\_Revalidations.asp#TopOfPage](https://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/11_Revalidations.asp#TopOfPage)

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