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Collection and Verification of Ambulance Crew Member Information

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Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Medicare carriers for ambulance services

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is February 9, 2006.
- On January 27, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a Federal Register notice requesting public comments on revisions to the provider enrollment applications.
- Effective February 9, 2006, CMS will no longer require enrolled ambulance suppliers to report crew member changes in Attachment 1 of the provider enrollment application CMS-855B.
- This policy change only applies to ambulance companies already enrolled with Medicare.
- Ambulance suppliers that are enrolling in the Medicare program for the first time or are submitting a
 new enrollment application are required to report ambulance crew member information in Attachment 1
 of the provider enrollment application (CMS-855B).
- This change should reduce the paperwork burden imposed on ambulance suppliers and reduce the number of ambulance supplier changes processed by contractors.

Important Links

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0610.pdf

The Medicare Federal Health Care Provider/Supplier Enrollment Application Form CMS-855B can be found at http://new.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/downloads/cms855b.pdf on the CMS web site.

If affected providers have any questions, they may contact their carrier or intermediary at their toll free number, which is available at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf on the CMS web site.

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