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Collection and Verification of Ambulance Crew Member Information

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Medicare carriers for ambulance services

Key Points

- Effective February 9, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (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.

Background

On January 27, 2006, CMS published a Federal Register notice requesting public comments on revisions to the provider enrollment applications.

While CMS is seeking comments regarding proposed changes to its Medicare enrollment applications, it is also adopting a policy change that affects ambulance suppliers effective immediately with regard to reporting crew member information as noted above.

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Additional Information

The Medicare Federal Health Care Provider/Supplier Enrollment Application Form CMS-855B can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CMSforms/downloads/cms855b.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, contact your carrier at their toll free number, which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts/> on the CMS website.

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