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Implementation of Pay.gov Application Fee Collection Process through PECOS

Provider Types Affected

This Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Matters® Special Edition Article is intended for all providers and suppliers, (except physicians and non-physician practitioners who are not required to pay an application fee), who are initially enrolling in Medicare, adding a practice location, or revalidating their enrollment information, and do so by submitting one of the following paper Medicare enrollment applications or the associated Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) enrollment applications:

- CMS 855A--Medicare Enrollment Application for Institutional Providers;
- CMS 855B--Medicare Enrollment Application for Clinics, Group Practices; and Certain Other Suppliers; and
- CMS 855S--Medicare Enrollment Application for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers.

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Provider Action Needed



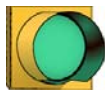
STOP – Impact to You

Currently, providers or suppliers use [Pay.gov](#) to make Medicare application fee payments electronically. This article announces a change to this website address to submit your application fee.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The changes outlined below have no effect on the [Pay.gov](#) payment collection process. CMS is simply revising the way providers submit their application fee to improve the efficiency of the payment, collection, and accounting process.



GO – What You Need to Do

Use the following address to make your application fee payments:
<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/feePaymentWelcome.do> on the CMS website.
Please update any bookmarks you and your staffs may have in place to the new address.

Background

In February 2011, CMS published a final rule, CMS-6028-FC, with provisions related to the submission of application fees as part of the provider enrollment process. An application fee and/or hardship exception must be submitted with any application received from institutional providers initially enrolling in Medicare, adding a practice location, or revalidating their enrollment on or after March 25, 2011.

Changes for Making Medicare Application Payments

Internet based PECOS On-Line Application Submitters:

For those who submit applications online via the PECOS website (also referred to as PECOS Provider Interface (or PECOS PI)), you will no longer have to separately access [Pay.gov](#) to make your application fee payments. Instead, as you proceed through the Internet based PECOS application process, if a fee is required, you will be prompted to submit your payment by credit card or ACH debit card. Once your payment transaction is complete, you will be automatically returned to the PECOS website to complete the remaining part of your application. PECOS will track the collection transaction and will update payment status, allowing your application to be processed.

855 Paper Application Submitters:

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For providers who continue to use the 855 paper enrollment application, you will now submit your application fee using the following URL:

<https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/feePaymentWelcome.do> on the CMS website.

Complete the Medicare Application Fee form and click the 'PAY NOW' button. You will be redirected to enter and submit payment collection information. At the conclusion of the collection process, you will receive a receipt indicating the status of your payment. Please print a copy for your records. We strongly recommend that you attach this receipt to the completed CMS-855 application submitted to your Medicare contractor.

Paper Application Submitters-Interim Procedures

Through December 31, 2011, if you go to Pay.gov directly, you will be redirected to the correct URL: <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/feePaymentWelcome.do>, on the CMS website. Please update any bookmarks you may have in place.

After December 31, 2011, you will be required to use the URL <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/feePaymentWelcome.do> on the CMS website to submit your application fee.

Additional Information

More information about the enrollment process, the required fees, and the hardship exceptions process can be found in the MLN Matters® Article MM7350, available at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7350.pdf> on the CMS website.

More information on revalidation can be found in SE1126, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1126.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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