

COMPLIANCE ALERT 12-15

Revalidation of Provider Enrollment for Medicare Providers Underway by CMS

SUMMARY: The Affordable Care Act requires all enrolled Medicare providers and suppliers to revalidate their enrollment information under new enrollment screening criteria. Revalidation letters are being sent out regularly and started last October 2011. HHSC Facilities can regularly check the following website to see if they have been sent any revalidation letters:

http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Revalidations.html

BACKGROUND: According to CMS, this revalidation effort applies to those providers and suppliers that were enrolled prior to March 25, 2011. Newly enrolled providers and suppliers that submitted their enrollment applications to CMS on or after March 25, 2011, are not impacted.

ACTION NEEDED: Between now and March 23, 2015, MACs will send out notices on a regular basis to begin the revalidation process for each provider and supplier. The website above also includes a copy of the revalidation letter so that staff can see what the letters may look like. Providers and suppliers must wait to submit the revalidation only after being asked by their MAC to do so. Only 42 CFR 424.515(d) provides CMS the authority to conduct these off-cycle revalidations. A quick review of the letters already sent indicated no HHSC facilities but did indicate at least two HHSC providers; however, facilities are responsible for individually completing this revalidation process when notice is sent. The above website is just a way to confirm and/or double-check if any letters have been sent and appropriate facility staff should check regularly.

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