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## Medicare Enrollment Application Fees

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CMS is issuing guidance to implement the March 25, 2011 Medicare and Medicaid enrollment regulation changes that were highlighted in a prior Payment Matters article, "[Increased Scrutiny to Obtain and Maintain Medicare and Medicaid Enrollment – Final Regulations Published](#)." Specific guidance for paying the Medicare enrollment application fee was included in [Transmittal 371 \[PDF\]](#), which updates Chapter 15 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, and the associated [MLN Matters \[PDF\]](#) article.

An enrollment application fee must be paid by any "Institutional Provider," which is defined to include all providers and suppliers except for physicians and non-physician practitioners enrolling as an individual or group. The application fee is required when (1) initially enrolling in Medicare, (2) adding a practice location, or (3) submitting a required revalidation application. The fee is updated annually, with an initial fee of \$505.00 for the partial year from March 25 through December 31, 2011. Payment must be made electronically through the [Pay.gov](#) website via a credit card, debit card, or check. CMS will regularly send a list of providers and suppliers (i.e., the "Fee Submitter List") that have paid an application fee to the respective enrollment contractors.

### Ober|Kaler's Comments

We strongly suggest that providers and suppliers follow CMS's suggestion to submit a receipt of payment with the initial application, change of information filing to add a practice location, or revalidation application. Doing so will facilitate the processing of the application and avoid any allegation of a failure to pay the fee.

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