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Extension of Provider Enrollment Moratoria for Home Health Agencies and Part B Ambulance Suppliers

Note: This article was revised on January 30, 2015, to reflect an extension of the moratoria for another 6 months, as noted in the article.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-units, and Part B ambulance suppliers in parts of Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Texas and New Jersey that provide services to Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

STOP – Impact to You

Effective January 29, 2015, the temporary moratoria on new Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-units, and Part B ambulance suppliers are being extended for an additional 6 months in certain geographic locations.

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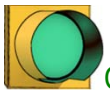
CAUTION – What You Need to Know

During the 6-month temporary moratorium, initial provider enrollment applications and change of information applications to add additional practice locations, received from Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-Units and Part B Ambulance suppliers in the listed counties will be denied. Application fees that are paid for applications that are denied due to this temporary moratorium will be refunded.

 GO – What You Need to Do

Effective January 29, 2015, Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-units, and Part B Ambulance suppliers should not submit initial enrollment applications or change of information applications to add additional practice locations until the 6-month moratoria has expired. CMS will announce in the Federal Register when the moratorium has been lifted or if it will be extended.

Background

In accordance with **42 CFR §424.570(c)**, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may impose a moratorium on the enrollment of new Medicare providers and suppliers of a specific type or the establishment of new practice locations in a particular geographic area.

On January 29, 2015, CMS announced, in a Federal Register notice (**https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-01696.pdf**), the extension of temporary moratoria on the enrollment of new Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-units and Part B Ambulance suppliers in designated geographic locations.

The moratoria initially became effective on January 30, 2014, and its implementation was announced in the Federal Register, which may be accessed at **https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/02/04/2014-02166/medicare-medicaid-and-childrens-health-insurance-programs-announcement-of-new-and-extended-temporary#page-6475** on the Internet.

Moratoria Extension

Effective January 29, 2015, the temporary moratoria on new Home Health Agencies and Home Health Agency Sub-units is being extended for an additional 6 months in the areas stated in Table 1, below.

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Table 1: Home Health Agencies and Home Health Agency Sub-units under Temporary Moratorium

City and State	Counties
Fort Lauderdale, FL	Broward
Miami, FL	Miami-Dade Monroe
Detroit, MI	Macomb Monroe Oakland Washtenaw Wayne
Dallas, TX	Collin Dallas Denton Ellis Kaufman Rockwall Tarrant
Houston, TX	Brazoria Chambers Fort Bend Galveston Harris Liberty Montgomery Waller
Chicago, IL	Cook DuPage Kane Lake McHenry Will

In addition, the temporary moratorium on new Part B ambulance suppliers is being extended for an additional 6 months in the areas stated in Table 2, below.

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Table 2: Part B Ambulance Suppliers **Under 6-month Temporary Moratoria**

City and State	Counties
Houston, TX	Harris Brazoria Chambers Fort Bend Galveston Liberty Montgomery Waller
Philadelphia, PA	Bucks (PA) Delaware (PA) Montgomery (PA) Philadelphia (PA) Burlington (NJ) Camden (NJ) Gloucester (NJ)

Initial provider enrollment applications and change of information applications to add additional practice locations received from Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-Units and Part B Ambulance suppliers in the above listed counties will be denied in accordance with 42 CFR §424.570(c). Application fees that are paid for applications that are denied due to this temporary moratorium will be refunded.

Note: Home Health Agencies, Home Health Agency Sub-Units and Part B Ambulance suppliers are afforded appeal rights. However, the scope of review will be limited to whether the temporary moratorium applies to the provider or supplier appealing the denial. CMS' basis for imposing a temporary moratorium is not subject to review.

Additional Information

For more information regarding CMS' use of temporary moratoriums, please review MLN Matters® article MM7350 at **http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7350.pdf** on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number, which is available at **http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html** on the CMS website.

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