

## Important Information Regarding Upcoming Part A Provider Revalidation Activities

**PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE IN ITS ENTIRETY TO AVOID A SITUATION THAT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR PRACTICE.**

Over the course of the upcoming months there are several Provider Enrollment revalidation activities taking place under the direction of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The purpose of this article is to highlight those activities and outline potential impacts.

### **Revalidation**

The CMS recently issued Change Requests (CRs) directing Medicare contractors to undertake revalidation efforts focused on a cross-section of **select** Medicare Part A providers. Revalidation activities are not new and are rooted in existing regulations. The revalidation efforts associated with these CRs is very limited and affects a very small percentage (approximately 300) of providers in our jurisdiction. The bulk of the revalidation letters will be mailed between the months of October 2009 and January 2010 and will be sent to the current practice location address recorded in our master provider file. As mailings are initiated, we will provide notification via List Serv.

To review the transmittals specific to revalidation efforts, please visit the CMS' website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/2009Trans/list.asp>. Your review should focus on CRs 6486 and 6665.

### ***Prompt Action Required – Implications for Non-Responsiveness***

If you receive a letter from us requesting a revalidation application, it is imperative you submit the application in a timely manner. As stated in 42 CFR § 424, if an application is not received within 60-calendar days from the date of the request, we must revoke your billing privileges and impose a 1-year re-enrollment bar. This means you will be barred from participating in the Medicare program for 1-year from the effective date of the revocation. It is important to note that a revocation, in this situation, will be effective 30-days after the notification of such action is mailed. The notice of revocation will also include your right to appeal. All appeals must be submitted in a timely manner to allow a re-examination of the revocation.

If you do not receive a letter requesting a revalidation application, no action is required. Please do not proactively submit an application for revalidation. If you question whether you will, or should have received a revalidation letter, please utilize our "Revalidation Inquiry Tool" on our Enrollment Center at <http://www.highmarkmedicaresecurities.com/enrollment/index.html> under "Tips, Tools and Tutorials for Enrollment". The tool will be available no later than October 27, 2009 and you will need to know your CCN to perform a search. For each CCN entered, a message will display advising whether or not a revalidation letter has been issued. If a revalidation letter has been issued, the date of the HMS request and revalidation application due date will be provided. The tool will be updated periodically as revalidation letters are issued in November through January; we will provide notice on our website via a systems alert when the updates occur.