

EDI ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The Railroad EDI Enrollment Form (commonly referred to as the EDI Agreement) should be submitted when enrolling for electronic billing. It should be reviewed and signed by the provider, administrator or legal representative to ensure each provider is knowledgeable of the enrollment request and the associated requirements.

Providers that have contracted with a third party (clearinghouse/network service vendor or a billing agent) are required to have an agreement signed by that third party in which the third party has agreed to meet the same Medicare security and privacy requirements that apply to the provider in regard to the viewing or use of Medicare Beneficiary data. These agreements are not to be submitted to Medicare, but are to be retained by the providers.

Providers are obligated to notify Medicare by letter of:

- Any changes in their billing agent or clearinghouse.
- The effective date of which the provider will discontinue using a specific billing agent or clearinghouse.
- If the provider wants to begin to use additional types of EDI transactions.
- Other changes that might impact their use of EDI.

Providers are not required to notify Medicare if their existing clearinghouse begins to use alternate software, the clearinghouse is responsible for notification in this instance.

Note: The binding information in an EDI Enrollment Form does not expire if the person who signed the form for a provider is no longer employed by the provider.

General Instructions

- Please ensure that you include your **Railroad Medicare Provider Number** and **National Provider Identifier (NPI)** where requested on the EDI Enrollment Agreement. **Do not** enter your TAX ID Number.
- If a provider is a member of a group, only one agreement per group is required.
- If the submitter will be submitting for multiple providers, this form must be completed by *each* provider whose claim data will be submitted.
- The entire form must be read carefully, dated with day, month and year.
- The name of the provider must be printed in the space provided, an authorized officer's name (printed), authorized officer's title and *original* signature.
- When completed, the properly executed **3-page EDI Enrollment Agreement** must be returned *with* the **EDI Application** form.
- Completed forms must be faxed or emailed to:

Fax: **803**-382-2416*

Email: RREDI.ENROLL@PalmettoGBA.com

*Please ensure you enter area code **803** when dialing our fax number.

Note: If the submitter will be an entity other than the provider, the submitter must complete the Railroad Part B EDI Application form and the provider must complete the EDI Enrollment Agreement. The EDI Application form must be returned with the EDI Enrollment Agreement enclosed for each applicable provider.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE PLEASE READ

The address shown on the EDI Enrollment Agreement must match the address that was submitted to our Provider Enrollment Department when enrolling for a Railroad Medicare Provider Number. If the address on the completed EDI Enrollment Agreement *does not* match, your entire EDI Enrollment Packet will be rejected and notification will be sent to the email address on the EDI Application Form.

The **National Provider Identifier (NPI)** must be printed in the space provided on the EDI Enrollment Agreement. If this information is missing, the **EDI Enrollment Agreement will not be processed.**

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MEDICARE ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

A. The provider agrees to the following provisions for submitting Medicare claims electronically to CMS' A/B MACs or CEDI:

1. That it will be responsible for all Medicare claims submitted to CMS or a designated CMS contractor by itself, its employees, or its agents;
2. That it will not disclose any information concerning a Medicare beneficiary to any other person or organization, except CMS and/or its A/B MACs, DME MACs or CEDI without the express written permission of the Medicare beneficiary or his/her parent or legal guardian, or where required for the care and treatment of a beneficiary who is unable to provide written consent, or to bill insurance primary or supplementary to Medicare, or as required by State or Federal law;
3. That it will submit claims only on behalf of those Medicare beneficiaries who have given their written authorization to do so, and to certify that required beneficiary signatures, or legally authorized signatures on behalf of beneficiaries, are on file;
4. That it will ensure that every electronic entry can be readily associated and identified with an original source document. Each source document must reflect the following information:
 - Beneficiary's name;
 - Beneficiary's health insurance claim number;
 - Date(s) of service;
 - Diagnosis/nature of illness; and
 - Procedure/service performed.
5. That the Secretary of Health and Human Services or his/her designee and/or A/B MAC, DME MAC, CEDI or other contractor if designated by CMS has the right to audit and confirm information submitted by the provider and shall have access to all original source documents and medical records related to the provider's submissions, including the beneficiary's authorization and signature. All incorrect payments that are discovered as a result of such an audit shall be adjusted according to the applicable provisions of the Social Security Act, Federal regulations, and CMS guidelines;
6. That it will ensure that all claims for Medicare primary payment have been developed for other insurance involvement and that Medicare is the primary payer;
7. That it will submit claims that are accurate, complete, and truthful;
8. That it will retain all original source documentation and medical records pertaining to any such particular Medicare claim for a period of at least 6 years, 3 months after the bill is paid;
9. That it will affix the CMS-assigned unique identifier number (submitter ID) of the provider on each claim electronically transmitted to the A/B MAC, CEDI or other contractor if designated by CMS;

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10. That the CMS-assigned unique identifier number (submitter identifier) or NPI constitutes the provider's legal electronic signature and constitutes an assurance by the provider that services were performed as billed;
11. That it will use sufficient security procedures (including compliance with all provisions of the HIPAA security regulations) to ensure that all transmissions of documents are authorized and protect all beneficiary-specific data from improper access;
12. That it will acknowledge that all claims will be paid from Federal funds, that the submission of such claims is a claim for payment under the Medicare program, and that anyone who misrepresents or falsifies or causes to be misrepresented or falsified any record or other information relating to that claim that is required pursuant to this agreement may, upon conviction, be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment under applicable Federal law;
13. That it will establish and maintain procedures and controls so that information concerning Medicare beneficiaries, or any information obtained from CMS or its A/B MAC, DME MAC, CEDI or other contractor if designated by CMS shall not be used by agents, officers, or employees of the billing service except as provided by the A/B MAC, DME MAC or CEDI (in accordance with §1106(a) of Social Security Act (the Act)).
14. That it will research and correct claim discrepancies.
15. That it will notify the A/B MAC, CEDI, or other contractor if designated by CMS within 2 business days if any transmitted data are received in an unintelligible or garbled form

B. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) agrees to:

1. Transmit to the provider an acknowledgment of claim receipt;
2. Affix the A/B MAC, DME MAC, CEDI or other contractor if designated by CMS number, as its electronic signature, on each remittance advice sent to the provider;
3. Ensure that payments to providers are timely in accordance with CMS' policies;
4. Ensure that no A/B MAC, CEDI, or other contractor if designated by CMS may require the provider to purchase any or all electronic services from the A/B MAC, CEDI or from any subsidiary of the A/B MAC, CEDI, other contractor if designated by CMS, or from any company for which the A/B MAC, CEDI has an interest. The A/B MAC, CEDI, or other contractor if designated by CMS will make alternative means available to any electronic biller to obtain such services.
5. Ensure that all Medicare electronic billers have equal access to any services that CMS requires Medicare A/B MACs, CEDI, or other contractors if designated by CMS to make available to providers or their billing services, regardless of the electronic billing technique or service they choose. Equal access will be granted to any services sold directly, indirectly, or by arrangement by the A/B MAC, CEDI, or other contractor if designated by CMS;
6. Notify the provider within 2 business days if any transmitted data are received in an unintelligible or garbled form;

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Note: Federal law shall govern both the interpretation of this document and the appropriate jurisdiction and venue for appealing any final decision made by CMS under this document.

This document shall become effective when signed by the provider. The responsibilities and obligations contained in this document will remain in effect as long as Medicare claims are submitted to the A/B MAC, DME MAC, CEDI, or other contractor if designated by CMS. Either party may terminate this arrangement by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice of its intent to terminate. In the event that the notice is mailed, the written notice of termination shall be deemed to have been given upon the date of mailing, as established by the postmark or other appropriate evidence of transmittal.

C. Signature

I certify that I have been appointed an authorized individual to whom the provider has granted the legal authority to enroll it in the Medicare program, to make changes and/or updates to the provider's status in the Medicare Program (e.g., new practice locations, change of address, etc.) and to commit the provider to abide by the laws, regulations and the program instructions of Medicare. I authorize the above listed entities to communicate electronically with Palmetto GBA on my behalf.

Provider Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____ Railroad Medicare Provider Number: _____

National Provider Identifier (NPI): _____

Complete ALL fields above and submit via fax or email the entire agreement (three pages) with *original* signature and *with* a copy of the **EDI Application form** to:

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