

(2) Any suspended or excluded practitioner, provider, or supplier dissatisfied with a hearing decision may request Departmental Appeals Board review and has a right to seek judicial review of the Board's decision by filing an action in Federal district court.

(j) *Appeal rights for Medicaid ICFs/MR terminated by CMS.* (1) Any Medicaid ICF/MR that has had its approval cancelled by CMS in accordance with § 498.3(b)(8) has a right to a hearing before an ALJ, to request Departmental Appeals Board review of the hearing decision, and to seek judicial review of the Board's decision.

(2) The Medicaid agreement remains in effect until the period for requesting a hearing has expired or, if the facility requests a hearing, until a hearing decision is issued, unless CMS—

(i) Makes a written determination that continuation of provider status for the SNF or ICF constitutes an immediate and serious threat to the health and safety of patients and specifies the reasons for that determination; and

(ii) Certifies that the facility has been notified of its deficiencies and has failed to correct them.

(k) *Appeal rights of NFs.* Under the circumstances specified in § 431.153 (g) and (h) of this chapter, an NF has a right to a hearing before an ALJ, to request Board review of the hearing decision, and to seek judicial review of the Board's decision.

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§ 498.10 Appointment of representatives.

(a) An affected party may appoint as its representative anyone not disqualified or suspended from acting as a representative in proceedings before the Secretary or otherwise prohibited by law.

(b) If the representative appointed is not an attorney, the party must file written notice of the appointment with CMS, the ALJ, or the Departmental Appeals Board.

(c) If the representative appointed is an attorney, the attorney's statement that he or she has the authority to represent the party is sufficient.

§ 498.11 Authority of representatives.

(a) A representative appointed and qualified in accordance with § 498.10 may, on behalf of the represented party—

(1) Give and accept any notice or request pertinent to the proceedings set forth in this part;

(2) Present evidence and allegations as to facts and law in any proceedings affecting that party to the same extent as the party; and

(3) Obtain information to the same extent as the party.

(b) A notice or request may be sent to the affected party, to the party's representative, or to both. A notice or request sent to the representative has the same force and effect as if it had been sent to the party.

§ 498.13 Fees for services of representatives.

Fees for any services performed on behalf of an affected party by an attorney appointed and qualified in accordance with § 498.10 are not subject to the provisions of section 206 of Title II of the Act, which authorizes the Secretary to specify or limit those fees.

§ 498.15 Charge for transcripts.

A party that requests a transcript of prehearing or hearing proceedings or Board review must pay the actual or estimated cost of preparing the transcript unless, for good cause shown by that party, the payment is waived by the ALJ or the Departmental Appeals Board, as appropriate.

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§ 498.17 Filing of briefs with the ALJ or Departmental Appeals Board, and opportunity for rebuttal.

(a) *Filing of briefs and related documents.* If a party files a brief or related document such as a written argument, contention, suggested finding of fact, conclusion of law, or any other written statement, it must submit an original and one copy to the ALJ or the Departmental Appeals Board, as appropriate. The material may be filed by mail or in person and must include a statement certifying that a copy has been furnished to the other party.

(b) *Opportunity for rebuttal.* (1) The other party will have 20 days from the date of mailing or personal service to submit any rebuttal statement or additional evidence. If a party submits a rebuttal statement or additional evidence, it must file an original and one copy with the ALJ or the Board and furnish a copy to the other party.

(2) The ALJ or the Board will grant an opportunity to reply to the rebuttal statement only if the party shows good cause.

Subpart B—Initial, Reconsidered, and Revised Determinations

§ 498.20 Notice and effect of initial determinations.

(a) *Notice of initial determination—(1) General rule.* CMS or the OIG, as appropriate, mails notice of an initial determination to the affected party, setting forth the basis or reasons for the determination, the effect of the determination, and the party's right to reconsideration, if applicable, or to a hearing.

(2) *Special rules: Independent laboratories and suppliers of portable x-ray services.* If CMS determines that an independent laboratory or a supplier of portable x-ray services no longer meets the conditions for coverage of some or all of its services, the notice—

(i) Specifies an effective date of termination of coverage that is at least 15 days after the date of the notice;

(ii) Is also sent to physicians, hospitals, and other parties that might use the services of the laboratory or supplier; and

(iii) In the case of laboratories, specifies the categories of laboratory tests that are no longer covered.

(3) *Special rules: Nonparticipating hospitals that elect to claim payment for emergency services.* If CMS determines that a nonparticipating hospital no longer qualifies to elect to claim payment for all emergency services furnished in a calendar year, the notice—

(i) States the calendar year to which the determination applies;

(ii) Specifies an effective date that is at least 5 days after the date of the notice; and

(iii) Specifies that the determination applies to services furnished, in the specified calendar year, to patients ac-

cepted (as inpatients or outpatients) on or after the effective date of the determination.

(4) *Other special rules.* Additional rules pertaining, for example, to content and timing of notice, notice to the public and to other entities, and time allowed for submittal of additional information, are set forth elsewhere in this chapter, as follows:

Part 405 Subpart X—for rural health clinics.
Part 416—for ambulatory surgical centers.

Part 489—for providers, when their provider agreements have been terminated.

Part 1001, Subpart B—for excluded or suspended providers, suppliers, physicians, or practitioners.

Part 1001, Subpart C—for providers, when their provider agreements are terminated by the OIG.

Part 1004—for sanctioned providers and practitioners.

(b) *Effect of initial determination.* An initial determination is binding unless it is—

(1) Reconsidered in accordance with § 498.24;

(2) Reversed or modified by a hearing decision in accordance with § 498.78; or

(3) Revised in accordance with § 498.32 or § 498.100.

§ 498.22 Reconsideration.

(a) *Right to reconsideration.* CMS reconsiders any initial determination that affects a prospective provider or supplier, or a hospital seeking to qualify to claim payment for all emergency hospital services furnished in a calendar year, if the affected party files a written request in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section. (None of the determinations made by the OIG are subject to reconsideration.)

(b) *Request for reconsideration: Manner and timing.* The affected party specified in paragraph (a) of this section, if dissatisfied with the initial determination may request reconsideration by filing the request—

(1) With CMS or with the State survey agency;

(2) Directly or through its legal representative or other authorized official; and

(3) Within 60 days from receipt of the notice of initial determination, unless the time is extended in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section. The