

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Reader Question: Use CMS-8550 Form for Unlicensed Residents ASAP

CMS wants to streamline provider enrollment for unlicensed residents in another effort to reduce administrative burdens.

According to MLN Matters SE 18008, MACs began processing the form CMS-8550 for "provider enrollment applications submitted for unlicensed residents" on June 17, said the release.

"If the application submission includes either, 1) a Residency Contract signed and dated by both an official of the institution and the Resident Physician or, 2) a letter, on institution letterhead, confirming the applicants status as a Resident Physician signed and dated by an official of the institution and containing at a minimum the name of the applicant," the agency added.

See MLN Matters SE 18008 at

www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE18008.pdf.