

### **Provider Application Fee FAQ**

**Q. Why is the Health Care Authority (HCA) requiring an application fee?**

A. HCA is required to collect this fee under [42 CFR § 455.460](#).

**Q. Which providers are exempt from the application fee?**

A. Providers who meet one of the following criteria are not subject to the application fee:

- Individual physicians and non-physician practitioners or groups of physicians and groups of non-physician practitioners
- Currently enrolled with Medicare or another state's Medicaid program

**Q. How much is the application fee?**

A. The fee is \$554, and is set annually by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). HCA expects a small volume (less than 10 per month) of enrolling providers will be subject to the fee. These providers will be notified by mail when the application requires a fee.

**Q. Does the application fee apply to out of state providers?**

A. Yes, the provider application fee is a Federal requirement that applies to all Medicaid providers, including those residing outside the State of Washington.

**Q. What date will the application fee start being required?**

A. The application fee will be required starting June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

**Q. What if the provider is enrolled with Medicare or another states Medicaid do we still collect the application fee?**

A. No. If the provider is enrolled with Medicare or another states Medicaid we will not collect the application fee.

**Q. If the provider has an application in process with Medicare do we still collect the application fee?**

A. We will not collect the application fee if HCA can determine that the provider has paid the fee to Medicare.

**Q. What If a provider changes their tax ID will they need to pay the application fee?**

A. Yes. If the provider type requires an application fee and we require a new application the provider will be subject to paying the fee.

**Q. Does the application fee apply to revalidations?**

A. No. The application fee does not apply to revalidations at this time.