

(II) THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGE IN THE FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE PROVIDER OR THE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER;

(III) THE NEW FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE PROVIDER OR THE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER AND A COPY OF U.S. TREASURY FORM W-9, OR ANY SUCCESSOR OR REPLACEMENT FORM; AND

(IV) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW EMPLOYER OF THE PROVIDER:

1. THE EMPLOYER'S NAME;
2. THE NAME OF THE EMPLOYER'S CONTACT PERSON FOR CARRIER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROVIDER; AND
3. THE ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION NUMBER, AND ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS OF THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYER.

(4) IF THE NEW FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR THE FORM REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THE NOTICE IS GIVEN TO A CARRIER, IT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CARRIER PROMPTLY AFTER IT IS RECEIVED BY THE PROVIDER OR THE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER.

(5) WITHIN 30 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CARRIER:

(I) SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OR THE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER; AND

(II) IF THE CARRIER CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO ISSUE A NEW PROVIDER NUMBER AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN THE FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF A PROVIDER OR A PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER OR A CHANGE IN THE EMPLOYER OF A PROVIDER, SHALL ISSUE A NEW PROVIDER NUMBER, BY MAIL, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION, TO:

1. THE PROVIDER OR THE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER; OR
2. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVIDER OR THE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER DESIGNATED IN WRITING TO THE CARRIER.

(6) A CARRIER MAY NOT TERMINATE ITS EXISTING CONTRACT WITH A PROVIDER OR A PROVIDER'S EMPLOYER BASED SOLELY ON A NOTICE GIVEN TO THE CARRIER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Insurance Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Board of Physicians, and representatives of nonprofit health service plans, health insurers, health maintenance organizations, physicians, practice managers, hospitals, and other health care providers, shall: