

(3) MAKE EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A BROAD RANGE OF MINORITY PROVIDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.

~~(D) (1) A PROVIDER SEEKING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVIDER PANEL OF A CARRIER SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CARRIER BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.~~

~~(2) (1) AFTER REVIEW BY A CARRIER OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARRIER SHALL ACCEPT OR, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, REJECT THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.~~

~~(II) IF THE CARRIER REJECTS THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL, THE CARRIER SHALL SEND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE REJECTION TO THE PROVIDER BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION.~~

~~(3) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CARRIER SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF A PROVIDER'S ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT BY THE CARRIER OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.~~

~~(II) IF A CARRIER DOES NOT NOTIFY THE PROVIDER OF THE PROVIDER'S ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION:~~

~~1: THE PROVIDER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CARRIER IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL AND, EXCEPT FOR A PROVIDER WHO IS SEEKING TO BE AN EMPLOYEE IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL, SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES RENDERED TO ENROLLEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THE CARRIER HAS EXECUTED WITH PROVIDERS IN ITS PROVIDER PANEL FOR SIMILAR SERVICES IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC AREA; AND~~

~~2: THE CARRIER SHALL SEND TO THE PROVIDER BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVIDER A PROVIDER AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT FOR THE PROVIDER'S SIGNATURE.~~

~~(III) FAILURE OF THE CARRIER TO SEND THE APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE CARRIER IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS AND PENALTIES OF §§ 55 AND 55A OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(4) (1) A CARRIER THAT RECEIVES AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY RETURN THE APPLICATION WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT TO THE PROVIDER BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION.~~