

~~(H) THE CARRIER SHALL INDICATE TO THE PROVIDER WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE APPLICATION COMPLETE.~~

~~(HH) THE PROVIDER MAY RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE CARRIER.~~

~~(5) A CARRIER MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE FOR ANY APPLICATION THAT A PROVIDER SUBMITS TO THE CARRIER UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

(D) (1) A PROVIDER SEEKING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVIDER PANEL OF A CARRIER SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CARRIER.

(2) (I) AFTER REVIEW BY A CARRIER OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARRIER SHALL ACCEPT OR 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 TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION.

(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SECTION, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF RECEIPT BY THE CARRIER OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION, A CARRIER SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION OF:

1. THE CARRIER'S INTENT TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PROVIDER'S APPLICATION FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING NECESSARY CREDENTIALING INFORMATION; OR

2. THE CARRIER'S REJECTION OF THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.

(II) FAILURE BY A CARRIER TO PROVIDE THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE CARRIER IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED UNDER § 55A OF THIS ARTICLE.

(III) IF A CARRIER PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF ITS INTENT TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PROVIDER'S APPLICATION FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING THE NECESSARY CREDENTIALING INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE CARRIER SHALL:

1. WITHIN 150 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE NOTICE IS PROVIDED, ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL; AND

2. SEND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVIDER'S ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.