

(C) AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION AND INFORMATION.

A CARRIER THAT USES A PROVIDER PANEL:

(1) ON REQUEST, SHALL PROVIDE AN APPLICATION AND INFORMATION THAT RELATES TO CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL TO ANY PROVIDER SEEKING TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION;

(2) SHALL MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ITS APPLICATION; AND

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

(D) APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

(1) A PROVIDER THAT SEEKS TO PARTICIPATE ON A PROVIDER PANEL OF A CARRIER SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CARRIER.

(2) (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARRIER, AFTER REVIEWING THE APPLICATION, SHALL ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL.

(II) IF THE CARRIER REJECTS THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL, THE CARRIER SHALL SEND TO THE PROVIDER AT THE ADDRESS LISTED IN THE APPLICATION WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE REJECTION.

(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE A CARRIER RECEIVES A COMPLETED APPLICATION, THE CARRIER SHALL SEND TO THE PROVIDER AT THE ADDRESS LISTED IN THE APPLICATION WRITTEN NOTICE OF:

1. THE CARRIER'S INTENT TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PROVIDER'S APPLICATION TO OBTAIN NECESSARY CREDENTIALING INFORMATION; OR

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

(II) THE FAILURE OF A CARRIER TO PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE CARRIER IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED BY § 4-113(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(III) IF, UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A CARRIER PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF ITS INTENT TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PROVIDER'S APPLICATION TO OBTAIN NECESSARY CREDENTIALING INFORMATION, THE CARRIER, WITHIN 150 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE NOTICE IS PROVIDED, SHALL:

1. ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PROVIDER FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL; AND