

2. send written notice of the acceptance or rejection to the provider at the address listed in the application.

(iv) The failure of a carrier to provide the notice required under subparagraph (iii)2 of this paragraph is a violation of this article and the carrier is subject to the provisions of and penalties provided by §§ 4-113 and 4-114 of this article.

(4) (i) A carrier that receives an incomplete application shall return the application to the provider at the address listed in the application within 10 days after the date the application is received.

(ii) The carrier shall indicate to the provider what information is needed to make the application complete.

(iii) The provider may return the completed application to the carrier.

(iv) After the carrier receives the completed application, the carrier is subject to the time periods established in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(5) A carrier may charge a reasonable fee for an application submitted to the carrier under this section.

(O) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D)(3)(III) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A CARRIER THAT USES A CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY THAT:

(1) IS A HOSPITAL OR ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER;

(2) IS A PARTICIPATING PROVIDER ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL; AND

(3) ACTS AS A CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY FOR THAT CARRIER FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS THAT:

(I) PARTICIPATE ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL; AND

(II) HAVE PRIVILEGES AT THE HOSPITAL OR ACADEMIC HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER.

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.