

**SECTION 15: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

This section is used to officially notify the provider of additional requirements that must be met and maintained in order for the provider to be enrolled in the Medicare program. This section also requires the signature and date signed of an authorized official who can legally and financially bind the provider to the laws, regulations, and program instructions of the Medicare program. Section 16 permits the authorized official to delegate signature authority to certain individual(s) (delegated officials) for the purpose of reporting changes to the provider's enrollment record after the provider has been enrolled. The provider may have no more than one currently active authorized official at any given time. See 15B below to determine who within the provider organization qualifies as an authorized official.

- A. Additional Requirements for Medicare Enrollment** – These are the additional requirements that must be met and maintained by the provider to enroll in and bill the Medicare program. Carefully read these requirements. By signing, the provider will be attesting to having read these requirements and that the provider understands them.
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Authorized Official Signature** - If adding a new, or deleting an existing authorized official, check the appropriate box and indicate the effective date of that change.

**NOTE:** The authorized official must also be reported in Section 6.

- The authorized official must sign and date this application.

By his/her signature, the authorized official binds the provider to all of the requirements listed in the Certification Statement and acknowledges that the provider may be denied entry to or revoked from the Medicare program if any requirements are not met. **All signatures must be original.** Faxed, photocopied, or stamped signatures will not be accepted.

- C. 2nd Authorized Official Signature** - This section provided to report a second (optional) authorized official for this provider. See instructions above for Section 15B.

An authorized official is an appointed official to whom the provider has granted the legal authority to enroll it in the Medicare program, to make changes and/or updates to the provider's status in the Medicare program (e.g., new practice locations, change of address, etc.), and to commit the provider to fully abide by the laws, regulations, and program instructions of Medicare. The authorized official must be the provider's general partner, chairman of the board, chief financial officer, chief executive officer, president, direct owner of 5% or more of the provider (see Section 5 for definition of a "direct owner"), or must hold a position of similar status and authority within the provider's organization.

Only the authorized official has the authority to sign (1) the initial CMS 855A enrollment application on behalf of the provider and (2) the CMS 855A enrollment application that must be submitted as part of the periodic revalidation process. The delegated official has no such authority.

By signing this form for initial enrollment in the Medicare program or for revalidation purposes, the authorized official agrees to immediately notify the fiscal intermediary if any information in the application is not true, correct, or complete. In addition, the authorized official, by his/her signature, agrees to notify the fiscal intermediary of any future changes to the information contained in this form, after the provider is enrolled in Medicare, within 90 days of the effective date of the change.

**Governmental/Tribal Organizations**

As stated in the instructions for Governmental/Tribal Organizations in Section 5, the authorized official signing the CMS 855A in Section 15 must be the same person submitting the letter attesting that the governmental or tribal organization will be legally and financially responsible for any outstanding debts owed to CMS. For instance, the head of a County Department of Health and Human Services would ordinarily qualify as an authorized official of the governmental entity.