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Dear Ms. Dresner:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the request by the State of Missouri for an exemption waiver of the collection of the application fee as required in 42 CFR 455.460 for the following institutional provider types when the provider is publicly funded:

- Hospitals
- State Mental Hospitals
- State Institution – Long Term Care
- Nursing Homes
- Targeted Case Management – Senate Bill 40 County Operated Boards
- Personal Care
- Reassessments
- Aged and Disabled Waiver
- Adult Day Care Centers
- Independent Clinics
- Public Health Department Clinics
- Teaching Institution Departments
- Teaching Institutions
- Home Health Agencies
- Rural Health Clinics
- Pharmacies
- Durable Medical Equipment Supplier
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Independent Laboratory
- Ambulance Service Supplier
- Hospices
- Provider Eligibility Verification Only
- Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Providers
- Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation – CSTAR
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- School Based Services

Section 1866(j)(2)(C)(ii) of the Act and Federal regulations at 42 CFR 424.514 allow an institutional provider to submit a request to CMS for a hardship exception providing justification so that the institutional provider is not required to pay the application fee to the Medicaid program. We interpret the statute to allow us to grant a waiver of

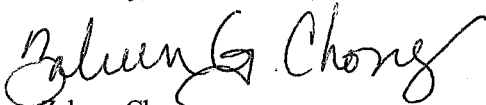
the application fee on a broader basis than just a single provider if the State demonstrates that the imposition of the fee would impede beneficiary access to care.

The information provided in your hardship waiver exception request letter dated May 5, 2015, supports the need to waive the application fee when an application is received from a provider in one of the above listed categories when that provider is publicly funded. This exception is applicable for five (5) years, or until the provider's next revalidation cycle, whichever occurs sooner.

This letter revises and supersedes the letter from CMS dated June 10, 2015 regarding Missouri's access waiver request.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Jennifer Bean at 410-786-4827 or by e-mail at [jennifer.bean@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:jennifer.bean@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zabeen Chong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "Z".

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