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MaineCare Application Fees and Surety Bonds

Application Fees

Providers who are newly enrolling, revalidating, or adding new practice locations with MaineCare must pay an application fee. This fee varies from year to year, based on adjustments made pursuant to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Areas (CPI-U), and as determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Providers are required to pay their application fee by credit or debit card at the time of application submission. Providers are not required to pay the application fee to MaineCare if they have already paid the fee to MaineCare, Medicare, or another state Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Home Health Agencies (HHA) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Surety Bonds

HHA and DME providers are required to provide surety bonds when enrolling as a new provider, revalidating, or adding a new service location. The surety bond must name the DME or HHA provider as Principal, MaineCare as the Obligee, and the surety company as Surety. The surety's name, street address or post office box number, city, state, and zip code must also be included.

The bond must contain appropriate guarantees for payment to MaineCare to cover uncollected overpayments and liability for unpaid claims that are identified during the term of the bond, regardless of when the overpayments took place. The bond must be in the amount of:

- HHA providers: The greater of \$50,000 or 15% of Annual Medicaid Payments based on previous fiscal year.
- DME providers: An amount of no less than \$50,000 per National Provider Identifier (NPI). An additional \$50,000 bond is required for each adverse legal action you've had within the past 10 years.