§ 433.120 Procedures for reduction of FFP after reapproval review.

(a) If CMS determines after the reapproval review that the system no longer meets the conditions of reapproval in §433.119, CMS will reduce FFP for system operations for at least four quarters. However, no system will be subject to reduction of FFP for at least the first four quarters after the quarter in which the system is initially approved as eligible for 75 percent FFP.

(b) CMS will reduce FFP in expenditures for system operations from 75 percent to no more than 70 percent and no less than 50 percent; however, CMS will not reduce FFP by more than 10 percentage points in any four-quarter period. The percentage to which the FFP is reduced will depend primarily on the following criteria:

(1) The number of conditions judged unsatisfactory;
(2) The extent to which conditions were not met;
(3) The significance of the unsatisfactory conditions in overall mechanized claims processing and information retrieval system operations; and
(4) The actual and potential program impact attributable to the unsatisfactory conditions.

§ 433.121 Reconsideration of the decision to reduce FFP after reapproval review.

(a) The agency may appeal to the Departmental Appeals Board under 45 CFR part 16, a disallowance concerning a reduction in FFP claimed for system operation caused by a disapproval of the State’s system. If the Board finds such a disallowance to be appropriate, the discretionary determination to reduce FFP by a particular percentage amount (instead of by a lesser percentage) is not subject to review by the Board unless the percentage reduction exceeds the range authorized by section 1903(r)(4)(B) of the Act.

(b) The decisions concerning whether to restore any FFP retroactively and the actual number of quarters for which FFP will be restored under §433.122 of this subpart are not subject to administrative appeal to the Departmental Appeals Board under 45 CFR part 16.

(c) An agency’s request for a reconsideration before the Board under paragraph (a) of this section does not delay implementation of the reduction in FFP. However, any reduction is subject to retroactive adjustment if required by the Board’s determination on reconsideration.

§ 433.122 Reapproval of a disapproved system.

When FFP has been reduced under §433.120(a), and CMS determines upon subsequent review that the system meets all current performance standards, system requirements and other conditions of reapproval, the following provisions apply:

(a) CMS will resume FFP in expenditures for system operations at the 75 percent level beginning with the quarter following the review determination that the system again meets conditions of reapproval.

(b) CMS may retroactively waive a reduction of FFP in expenditures for system operations if CMS determines that the waiver could improve the administration of the State Medicaid plan. However, CMS cannot waive this reduction for any quarter before the fourth quarter immediately preceding the quarter in which CMS issues the determination (as part of the review process) stating that the system is reapproved.

§ 433.123 Notification of changes in system requirements, performance standards or other conditions for approval or reapproval.

(a) Whenever CMS modifies system requirements or other conditions for
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§ 433.131 Waiver for noncompliance with conditions of approval and reapproval.

If a State is unable to comply with the conditions of approval or of reapproval and the noncompliance will cause a percentum reduction in FFP, CMS will waive the FFP reduction in the following circumstances:

(a) Good cause. If CMS determines that good cause existed, CMS will waive the FFP reduction attributable to those items for which the good cause existed. A waiver of FFP consequences of the failure to meet the conditions of approval or reapproval based upon good cause will not extend beyond two consecutive quarters.

(b) Circumstances beyond the control of a State. The State must satisfactorily explain the circumstances that are beyond its control. When CMS grants the waiver, CMS will also defer all other system deadlines for the same length of time that the waiver applies.


Subpart D—Third Party Liability

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