

aggravating factor amounts by the cost-of-living multiplier.

(B) The minimum penalty and aggravating factor amounts is updated no more often than every 3 years.

(C) CMS tracks the calculation and accrual of the standard minimum penalty and aggravating factor amounts and announces them on an annual basis.

(4) For each week that a deficiency remains uncorrected after the week in which the MA organization receives CMS' notice of the determination—up to \$10,000 as adjusted annually under 45 CFR part 102.

(5) If CMS makes a determination that a MA organization has terminated its contract other than in a manner described under 422.512 and that the MA organization has therefore failed to substantially carry out the terms of the contract—\$250 as adjusted annually under 45 CFR part 102 per Medicare enrollee from the terminated MA plan or plans at the time the MA organization terminated its contract, or \$100,000 as adjusted annually under 45 CFR part 102, whichever is greater.

(c) *Amount of penalty imposed by CMS or OIG.* CMS or the OIG may impose civil money penalties in the following amounts for a determination made under § 422.752(a):

(1) Civil money penalties of not more than \$25,000 as adjusted annually under 45 CFR part 102 for each determination made.

(2) With respect to a determination made under § 422.752(a)(4) or (a)(5)(i), not more than \$100,000 as adjusted annually under 45 CFR part 102 for each such determination, except with respect to a determination made under § 422.752(a)(5), an assessment of not more than the amount claimed by such plan or MA organization based upon the misrepresentation or falsified information involved.

(3) Plus with respect to a determination made under § 422.752(a)(2), double the excess amount charged in violation of such paragraph (and the excess amount charged must be deducted from the penalty and returned to the individual concerned).

(4) Plus with respect to a determination made under § 422.752(a)(4), \$15,000 as adjusted annually under 45 CFR part

102 for each individual not enrolled as a result of the practice involved.

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#### § 422.762 Settlement of penalties.

For civil money penalties imposed by CMS, CMS may settle civil money penalty cases at any time before a final decision is rendered.

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#### § 422.764 Other applicable provisions.

The provisions of section 1128A of the Act (except subsections (a) and (b)) apply to civil money penalties under this subpart to the same extent that they apply to a civil money penalty or procedure under section 1128A of the Act.

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### Subparts P–S [Reserved]

## Subpart T—Appeal procedures for Civil Money Penalties

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#### § 422.1000 Basis and scope.

(a) *Statutory basis.* (1) Section 1128A(c)(2) of the Act provides that the Secretary may not collect a civil money penalty until the affected party has had notice and opportunity for a hearing.

(2) Section 1857(g) of the Act provides that, for MA organizations out of compliance with the requirements in part 422 specified remedies may be imposed instead of, or in addition to, termination of the MA organization's contract. Section 1857(g)(4) of the Act makes certain provisions of section 1128A of the Act applicable to civil money penalties imposed on MA organizations.

(b) [Reserved]

#### § 422.1002 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

#### § 422.1004

*Affected party* means an MA organization impacted by an initial determination or if applicable, by any subsequent determination or decision issued under this part. For this definition, “party” means the affected party or CMS, as appropriate.

*ALJ* stands for Administrative Law Judge.

*Departmental Appeals Board or Board* means a Board established in the Office of the Secretary to provide impartial review of disputed decisions made by the operating components of the Department.

*MA organization* has the meaning given the term in 422.2.

#### § 422.1004 Scope and applicability.

(a) *Scope.* This subpart sets forth procedures for reviewing initial determinations that CMS makes with respect to the matters specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Initial determinations by CMS.* CMS makes initial determinations with respect to the imposition of civil money penalties in accordance with part 422, subpart O.

#### § 422.1006 Appeal rights.

(a) *Appeal rights of MA organizations.*  
(1) Any MA organization dissatisfied with an initial determination as specified in 422.1004, has a right to a hearing before an ALJ in accordance with this subpart and may request Departmental Appeals Board review of the ALJ decision.

(2) MA organizations may request judicial review of the Departmental Appeals Board’s decision that imposes a CMP.

(b) [Reserved]

#### § 422.1008 Appointment of representatives.

(a) An affected party may appoint as its representative anyone not disqualified or suspended from acting as a representative in proceedings before the Secretary or otherwise prohibited by law.

(b) If the representative appointed is not an attorney, the party must file written notice of the appointment with the ALJ or the Departmental Appeals Board.

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(c) If the representative appointed is an attorney, the attorney’s statement that he or she has the authority to represent the party is sufficient.

#### § 422.1010 Authority of representatives.

(a) A representative appointed and qualified in accordance with 422.1008 may, on behalf of the represented party—

(1) Give and accept any notice or request pertinent to the proceedings set forth in this part;

(2) Present evidence and allegations as to facts and law in any proceedings affecting that party to the same extent as the party; and

(3) Obtain information to the same extent as the party.

(b) A notice or request may be sent to the affected party, to the party’s representative, or to both. A notice or request sent to the representative has the same force and effect as if it had been sent to the party.

#### § 422.1012 Fees for services of representatives.

Fees for any services performed on behalf of an affected party by an attorney appointed and qualified in accordance with 422.1008 are not subject to the provisions of section 206 of Title II of the Act, which authorizes the Secretary to specify or limit those fees.

#### § 422.1014 Charge for transcripts.

A party that requests a transcript of prehearing or hearing proceedings or Board review must pay the actual or estimated cost of preparing the transcript unless, for good cause shown by that party, the payment is waived by the ALJ or the Departmental Appeals Board, as appropriate.

#### § 422.1016 Filing of briefs with the Administrative Law Judge or Departmental Appeals Board, and opportunity for rebuttal.

(a) *Filing of briefs and related documents.* If a party files a brief or related document such as a written argument, contention, suggested finding of fact, conclusion of law, or any other written statement, it must submit an original and 1 copy to the ALJ or the Departmental Appeals Board, as appropriate.