

§ 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.

The material may be filed by mail or in person and must include a statement certifying that a copy has been furnished to the other party.

(b) *Opportunity for rebuttal.* (1) The other party will have 20 calendar days from the date of mailing or in person filing to submit any rebuttal statement or additional evidence. If a party submits a rebuttal statement or additional evidence, it must file an original and 1 copy with the ALJ or the Board and furnish a copy to the other party.

(2) The ALJ or the Board will grant an opportunity to reply to the rebuttal statement only if the party shows good cause.

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§ 422.1018 Notice and effect of initial determinations.

(a) *Notice of initial determination.* CMS, as required under 422.756(f)(2), mails notice of an initial determination to the affected party, setting forth the basis or reasons for the determination, the effect of the determination, and the party's right to a hearing, and information about where to file the request for hearing.

(b) *Effect of initial determination.* An initial determination is binding unless—

(1) The affected party requests a hearing; or

(2) CMS revises its decision.

§ 422.1020 Request for hearing.

(a) *Manner and timing of request.* (1) An MA organization is entitled to a hearing as specified in 422.1006 and may file a request for a hearing with the Departmental Appeals Board office specified in the initial determination.

(2) The MA organization or its legal representative or other authorized official must file the request, in writing, to the appropriate Departmental Appeals Board office, with a copy to CMS, within 60 calendar days after receipt of the notice of initial determination, to request a hearing before an ALJ to appeal any determination by CMS to impose a civil money penalty.

(b) *Content of request for hearing.* The request for hearing must—

(1) Identify the specific issues, and the findings of fact and conclusions of

law with which the affected party disagrees; and

(2) Specify the basis for each contention that the finding or conclusion of law is incorrect.

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§ 422.1022 Parties to the hearing.

The parties to the hearing are the affected party and CMS, as appropriate.

§ 422.1024 Designation of hearing official.

(a) The Chair of the Departmental Appeals Board, or his or her delegate designates an ALJ or a member or members of the Departmental Appeals Board to conduct the hearing.

(b) If appropriate, the Chair or the delegate may substitute another ALJ or another member or other members of the Departmental Appeals Board to conduct the hearing.

(c) As used in this part, “ALJ” includes a member or members of the Departmental Appeals Board who are designated to conduct a hearing.

§ 422.1026 Disqualification of Administrative Law Judge.

(a) An ALJ may not conduct a hearing in a case in which he or she is prejudiced or partial to the affected party or has any interest in the matter pending for decision.

(b) A party that objects to the ALJ designated to conduct the hearing must give notice of its objections at the earliest opportunity.

(c) The ALJ will consider the objections and decide whether to withdraw or proceed with the hearing.

(1) If the ALJ withdraws, another ALJ will be designated to conduct the hearing.

(2) If the ALJ does not withdraw, the objecting party may, after the hearing, present its objections to the Departmental Appeals Board as reasons for changing, modifying, or reversing the ALJ's decision or providing a new hearing before another ALJ.

§ 422.1028 Prehearing conference.

(a) At any time before the hearing, the ALJ may call a prehearing conference for the purpose of delineating the issues in controversy, identifying