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(c) *Denial of enrollment: Moratoria.* A Medicare contractor denies the enrollment application of a provider or supplier if the provider or supplier is subject to a moratorium as specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) *Lifting moratoria.* CMS will publish a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER when a moratorium is lifted. CMS may lift a temporary moratorium at any time after imposition of the moratorium if one of the following occur:

(1) The President declares an area a disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (Stafford Act).

(2) Circumstances warranting the imposition of a moratorium have abated or CMS has implemented program safeguards to address the program vulnerability.

(3) The Secretary has declared a public health emergency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act in the area subject to a temporary moratorium.

(4) In the judgment of the Secretary, the moratorium is no longer needed.

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§ 424.575 Rural emergency hospitals.

(a) A rural emergency hospital (as defined in § 485.502 of this chapter) must comply with all applicable provisions in this subpart in order to enroll and maintain enrollment in Medicare.

(b) A provider that was enrolled in Medicare as of December 27, 2020, as a critical access hospital or a hospital (as defined in section 1886(d)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act) with not more than 50 beds located in a county (or equivalent unit of local government) in a rural area (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act) (or treated as being located in a rural area pursuant to section 1886(d)(8)(E) of the Social Security Act) converts its existing enrollment to that of a rural emergency hospital (as defined in § 485.502 of this chapter) via a Form CMS–855A change of information application per § 424.516 rather than a Form CMS–855A initial enrollment application.

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