

AMA and MGMA partner to help members with Medicare enrollment

To help physician practices navigate the new requirements of the Medicare enrollment process, the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) partnered to develop a new online toolkit, released April 21. Free to AMA and MGMA members, the toolkit is accessible online on both the [AMA's Web site](#) and [MGMA's Web site](#).

“This new online toolkit outlines pitfalls and provides information on how to quickly and easily navigate the complicated enrollment process,” said AMA Board Chair Joseph Heyman, M.D. “We are pleased to partner with MGMA to provide our members with much needed help on the Medicare enrollment process.”

Many of the most drastic changes to Medicare's enrollment process were implemented April 1. Two key changes in the enrollment process that could have a negative impact on patient access to care and Medicare reimbursement are:

- Physicians now have only 30 days to make changes to their enrollment information, such as a new practice address, and their enrollment status could be revoked if they do not comply with the timeframe.
- Assuming physicians have met all the Medicare enrollment requirements, they will only be able to bill Medicare retroactively for 30 days once they are successfully enrolled, rather than up to 27 months as was previously permitted.

The toolkit aims to make the process easier by outlining the new policies in an easy-to-understand format. The goal is to help physicians successfully enroll as quickly as possible without interruptions to patient care or Medicare reimbursements.

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