

42 C.F.R. § 421.3

Definitions.

As used in this part—

Intermediary means an entity that has a contract with CMS (under statutory provisions in effect prior to October 1, 2005) to determine and make Medicare payments for Part A or Part B benefits payable on a cost basis (or under the prospective payment system for hospitals) and to perform other related functions. For purposes of applying the performance criteria in § 421.120 and the performance standards in § 421.122 and any adverse action resulting from that application, the term “intermediary” also means a Blue Cross plan that has entered into a subcontract approved by CMS with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association to perform intermediary functions.

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