

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 423.1008 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.

(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.

**§ 423.1010 Authority of representatives.**

(a) A representative appointed and qualified in accordance with § 423.1008 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.

**§ 423.1012 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 § 423.1008 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.

**§ 423.1014 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.

**§ 423.1016 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 personal service 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.

**§ 423.1018 Notice and effect of initial determinations.**

(a) *Notice of initial determination—(1) General rule.* 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, the party's right to a hearing, and information about where to file the request for a 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.

**§ 423.1020 Request for hearing.**

(a) *Manner and timing of request.* (1) A Part D sponsor is entitled to a hearing as specified in § 423.1006 and may file a request with the Departmental Appeals Board office specified in the initial determination.