

MY7 Options for Active Model Participants

The Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) Model started on October 1, 2018 and was originally planned to last 6 years. It has now been extended for 2 more years and will end on December 31, 2025. CMS released the BPCI Advanced Request for Applications (RFA) for Model Year 7 on February 21, 2023 and opened the application opportunity for MY7 on the same day. The Application Portal will stay open for 100 days and close on May 31, 2023 at 5:00 pm EDT.

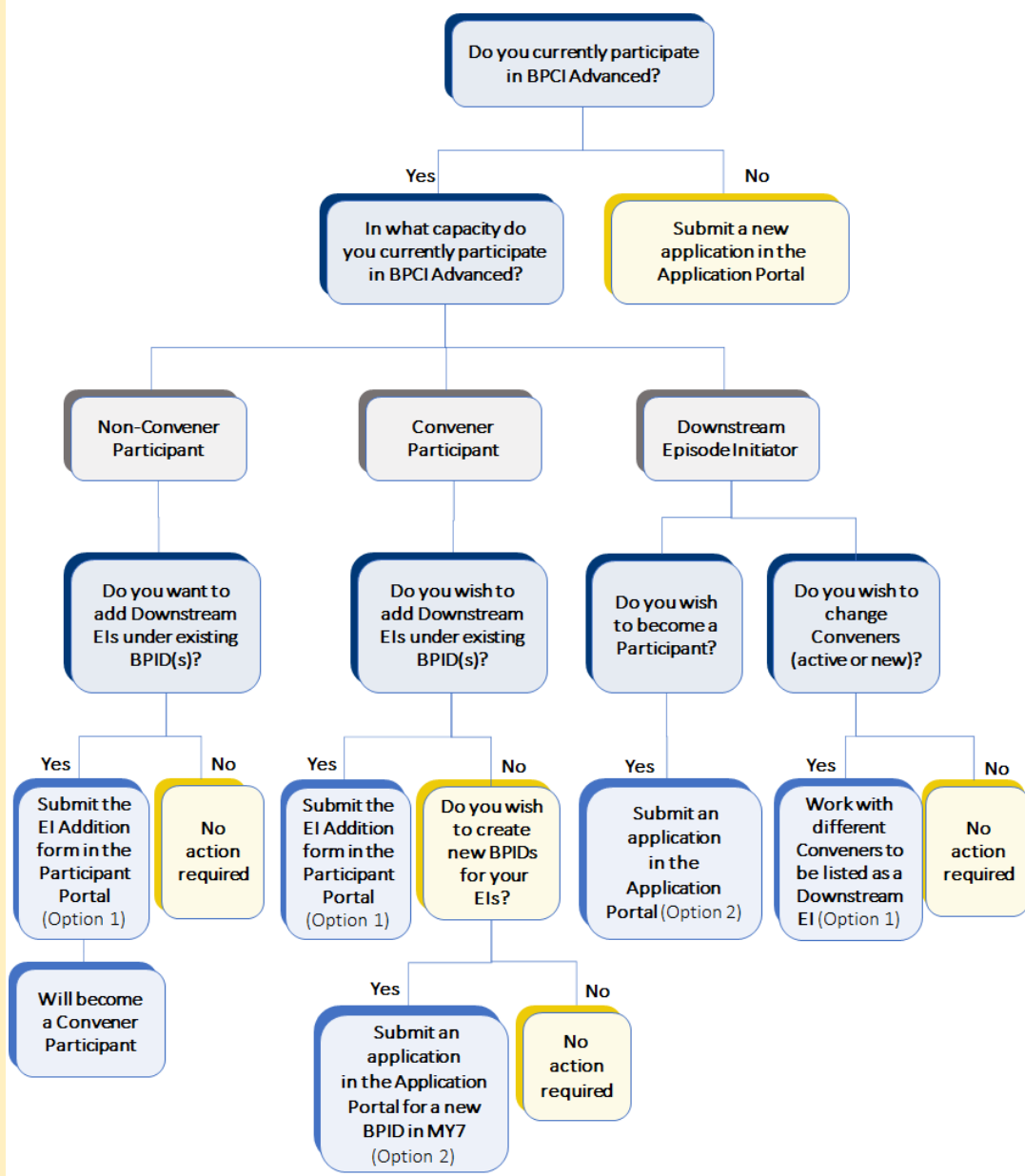
Active Model Participants have several options if they are interested in participating in the 2-year extension. There is a new requirement that Convener Participants must be Medicare-enrolled providers, suppliers or Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACOs). If an organization does not meet the new requirements for a Convener Participant, it must have an active TIN in the Model throughout 2023 for CMS to accept an application for new BPIDs.

Updated April 2023: Target Prices and baseline data review period extended to at least 8 weeks.

Timeline for Application Process

- February 21, 2023**
MY7 RFA Released and Application Portal Opens – Day 1
- May 31, 2023**
Application Portal Closes – Day 100
- June 2023**
CMS Screens Applicants
- September 2023**
Applicants Receive Baseline Data and Preliminary Target Prices from CMS
- September 2023**
Applicants Receive MY7 Participation Agreement for Review from CMS
- December 4, 2023**
Interested Applicants Submit Signed Participation Agreement and Participant Profiles to CMS
- December 18, 2023**
Applicants Submit All Other Required Deliverables to CMS
- December 2023**
CMS Announces Selection of Applicants for MY7
- January 1, 2024**
Start of MY7
- December 31, 2025**
End of the BPCI Advanced Model

Options for MY7



Option 1: Adding an Episode Initiator (Same BPID) Deadline: 05/31/2023

Opportunity to Add or Remove Downstream Episode Initiators

Active Non-Convener Participants and Convener Participants in Model Year 6 (MY6), will be allowed to add Downstream Episode Initiators (whether new, former, or currently active Episode Initiators) for Model Year 7 by submitting an “Episode Initiator (EI) Addition Request” to CMS, via the Participant Portal.

Active Convener Participants in MY6 who wish to continue participating in MY7 will be allowed to remove Downstream Episode Initiators from their MY7 Participant Profile, but must maintain at least one EI to continue as Convener.

- 1** Login to the BPCI Advanced Participant Portal and navigate to the Legal Documents section. Then, select “*Manage Amendments*”.
- 2** Download the BPCI Advanced Episode Initiator (EI) Addition Template MY7
- 3** Complete each section of the form and list all potential **NEW Episode Initiators for the current BPID**. This would result in all potential Episode Initiators being under one Participation Agreement for MY7. CMS will not process requests that are incomplete.
- 4** Upload the completed form to the Legal Documents - Amendments section in the Participant Portal.

Option 2: New Application (New BPID) Deadline: 05/31/2023

Submit a Convener Participant application(s) in the [Application Portal](#), listing all the potential Downstream Episode Initiators on the Participating Organizations attachment. The Application Portal gives Applicants and Active Model Participants greater flexibility to apply in different ways and permutations. Therefore Applicants/Participants have the option of submitting separate applications for each potential Episode Initiator or combining multiple EIs in one application, based on how they would want to structure their participation for MY7. Applicants and Active Model Participants should apply separately for each new potential Participation Agreement (New BPID) they are interested in signing with CMS.

Opportunity to Realign Downstream Episode Initiators

If an active Downstream Episode Initiator would like to change Conveners for MY7, the new Convener Participant (for MY7) would need to either: [1] submit an application listing the Downstream Episode Initiator on the Participating Organization’s attachment via the Application Portal, or [2] submit the EI Addition form listing the Downstream Episode Initiator via the Participant Portal.

No Action Required

Existing Convener Participants and Non-Convener Participants do not need to apply for participation in the 2-year extension period; these Participants can continue to participate in the Model by signing an Amended and Restated Participation Agreement for Model Year 7 (2024), provided that neither the Participant nor CMS has terminated the entity’s participation in the Model during 2023.

Application Resources

To access all the materials listed below, please visit the Applicant Resources webpage - <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/bpci-advanced/applicant-resources>

- MY7 Request for Applications (RFA)
- Application Process Questions and Answers
- Timeline for Application Process in 2023
- Application Portal “How-To” Guide
- Model Overview Fact Sheet (Model Year 6)
- MY7 Application Template
- Model Overview (animated video)
- Participating Organization Template
- Why Should You Participate in BPCI Advanced?
- Physician Fact Sheet

BPCI Advanced Application Portal: <https://app.innovation.cms.gov/bpciadvancedapp/IDMLogin>