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Summary of 60-day Public Comments

**Comment:**

One commenter stated that *“Section 1871(a)(1) and 1871 (a)(2) require that CMS pursue Notice and Comment rule making for this type of substantive policy change.  Moreover, existing regulations found in 42CFR 424.500 - 570 require an actual signature on the Medicare enrollment application.  I respectively request that CMS use Notice and Comment rule making prior to adopting any type of surrogate authorization form for the Medicare enrollment application.”*

**Response:**

CMS is not altering any of its current regulations.  The Medicare enrollment application will still require an actual signature from the individual provider or the Authorized/Delegated Official of the organization.  The Security Consent and Surrogate Authorization form only allows a surrogate or third party to submit the enrollment application on the provider’s behalf.  It does not change who is responsible for signing the Medicare enrollment application.