# **Phase I CORE® Seal Application**

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# A. Contact Information

Organization	
Name of product being certified (if applicable)	
Contact Name (individual responsible for your organization's CORE-certification process)	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	

# B. Required Documents (Please attach the following with this application)

# **Certifiers**

- 1. Certification testing results documentation (as provided by the CORE-authorized certification testing vendor with which you worked).
- 2. HIPAA attestation form (requires executive-level signature).
- 3. Health Plan IT exemption request (if applicable; requires executive-level signature).
- 4. Signed Pledge (Unless previously submitted)

### **Endorsers**

1. Signed Pledge

## C. Phase I CORE Certification and Endorsement Terms and Conditions

- 1. An entity's Seal will be revoked as a result of a validated complaint of non-compliance (see Phase I CORE 105 Enforcement Policy for more information).
- 2. Certification is required for each Phase of CORE rules.
- 3. Re-certification and re-endorsement is required for each substantive change made to Phase I CORE and additional Phase rules. Substantive changes will occur no more than once per year.
- 4. To health plans granted an exemption, the 12-month IT system exemption period will begin on the day that the health plan is granted its CORE Seal.
- 5. After receiving a Phase I CORE Seal, the entity may market itself as a CORE Endorser or CORE-Certified.

### D. CAQH CORE Responsibilities

- 1. CORE will notify you of your "certification" queue status at the time CORE receives your application.
- 2. CORE will complete its assessment within 30 business days unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 3. CORE will grant your stakeholder-specific CORE Seal following review and approval of its application.
- 4. Entities receiving the Phase I CORE Seal will be promoted in CORE marketing materials and on the CAQH Website.

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# E. Fees

Please review the fee structure and notes below to determine your CORE Seal fee. Then check the appropriate box under the stakeholder type for the Seal you are requesting.

### **Health Plans**

Below \$75 million in net annual revenue	\$4,000 fee
\$75 million and above in net annual revenue	\$6,000 fee

# Clearinghouses

Below \$75 million in net annual revenue	\$4,000 fee
□ EHNAC HNAP-EHN accredited	- apply 10% (\$400) discount
\$75 million and above in net annual revenue	\$6,000 fee
□ EHNAC HNAP-EHN accredited	- apply 10% (\$600) discount

### Vendors

Below \$75 million in net annual revenue	\$4,000 fee
\$75 million and above in net annual revenue	\$6,000 fee

### **Providers**

Up to \$1 billion in net annual revenue	\$500 fee
\$1 billion and above in net annual revenue	\$1,500 fee

□ Endorser

(Only for entities that do not create, transmit or use eligibility data.) No fee

### Fee Notes:

- 1. There is no charge to Federal or State government entities to receive the CORE Seal.
- 2. There is no charge to CAQH member plans to receive the CORE Seal.
- 3. This fee is a one-time cost for Phase I certification, unless an entity becomes decertified or if substantive changes to the rules are approved by a full CORE vote (Reference Phase I CORE 102 Eligibility and Benefits Certification Policy, version 1.1.0.)
- 4. Per the Phase I CORE 102 Eligibility and Benefits Certification Policy, vendor products, and not entire vendor organizations, receive the Certification Seal.
- 5. The CORE Certification Seal fee does not include the fee for CORE certification testing. See <a href="http://www.caqh.org">http://www.caqh.org</a> for a list of CORE-authorized testing companies and their associated testing fees.
- 6. Any Clearinghouse/EHN entity actively seeking CORE certification as of June 1, 2009 or later that has already achieved EHNAC HNAP-EHN accreditation can take advantage of the partnership program discount. The Clearinghouse/EHN will indicate that it holds a current EHNAC HNAP-EHN accreditation when submitting a CORE Seal application. (CAQH will confirm EHNAC-EHN accreditation status independently.)

After reviewing this document and ensuring you have all the required documentation, please submit your check and required certification and testing documentation to:

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