

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will allow providers in the voluntary Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI-A) model to retroactively withdraw all or some episode initiators and clinical episodes from the model in March 2019. Additionally, CMS extended the deadline for submitting signed participation agreements and selecting clinical episodes for BPCI-A by one week, to Aug. 8, and extended the due date for program deliverables to Sept. 14.

“CMS is trying to be flexible, given the tight timeline to go live with the program, given the complexity, and also given that there was an error with some of the target prices they sent out, so [participants] had to resubmit data,” said Clay Richards, CEO of naviHealth, a care transitions company.

Read the full story [here](#).