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Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) Regarding the 2021 Audit Submission Timeline for Third-party Auditor Operational Readiness Reviews for the Enhanced Direct Enrollment (EDE) Pathway

The following FAQ provides information on the audit submission timeline for prospective EDE Entities or EDE Entities that plan to seek approval to use the EDE pathway in calendar year 2021. Please note, the current EDE program requirements for calendar year 2020 are defined in the *Third-party Auditor Operational Readiness Reviews for the Enhanced Direct Enrollment Pathway and Related Oversight Requirements* (published March 13, 2020) (EDE Guidelines).¹ CMS intends to release updated EDE Guidelines for calendar year 2021 audit submissions.

Prospective EDE Entities should contact DE Support at directenrollment@cms.hhs.gov with any questions.

1. When is the audit submission window for EDE Entities that plan to seek approval to use the EDE pathway in calendar year 2021?

The audit submission window for EDE Entities that plan to seek approval to use the EDE pathway in calendar year 2021 will begin on April 1, 2021 and will end on July 1, 2021 at 3:00 AM ET. A complete audit must be submitted to CMS by July 1, 2021 at 3:00 AM ET.

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/Guidelines-for-Third-Party-Auditors-EDE-PY20PY21-Year3.pdf>