CPA
Practice Advisor

provide further procedural details before the user fee goes into effect.

Sep. 27, 2021

Starting October 28, 2021, a new $67 user fee will apply to any estate that requests a closing letter for its federal estate tax return.

The new IRS user fee was authorized under final regulations, TD 9957, available in the Federal Register. Closing letter requests must be made using Pay.gov. The IRS will provide further procedural details before the user fee goes into effect.

By law, federal agencies are required to charge a user fee to cover the cost of providing certain services to the public that confer a special benefit to the recipient. Moreover, agencies must review these fees every two years to determine whether they are recovering the cost of these services.

Under the final regulations, the IRS has determined that issuing closing letters is a