

Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
DMEPOS Accreditation

Thursday, January 8, 2009
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The purpose of this Special Open Door Forum (ODF) is to review the accreditation requirements for those DMEPOS suppliers (including pharmacies) that need to meet the September 30th accreditation deadline.

CMS wants to ensure that DMEPOS suppliers have ample time to complete the accreditation process and thus receive an accreditation decision by September 30, 2009. Therefore, CMS is encouraging all enrolled DMEPOS suppliers, except those eligible professionals and other persons exempted by law, to submit a complete accreditation application to an accreditation organization by January 31, 2009.

Background:

Section 302 (b) (1) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), required the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish and implement quality standards for DMEPOS suppliers, except those eligible professionals and other persons exempted by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA). All DMEPOS suppliers, except those eligible professionals and other persons exempted by MIPPA wishing to bill Medicare for DMEPOS provided to Medicare beneficiaries, must comply with these standards to receive Medicare Part B Payments.

Pharmacies, pedorthists, mastectomy fitters, orthopedic fitters/technicians, or athletic trainers applying for Medicare enrollment in order to bill for Medicare Part B services are not exempt from meeting the September 30, 2009 deadline for DMEPOS accreditation and are encouraged to participate in this Special Open Door Forum.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID: 79431075

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