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## New Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics & Supplies (DMEPOS) Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Information Forms (DIFS) for Claims Processing

**Note:** This article was revised on April 16, 2007, to reflect that the transition period for use of the new forms has been extended through June 30, 2007, per CR5571, which CMS released on April 13, 2007. Previously, this article was revised on October 28, 2006, to reflect changes made to CR4296. The key change is that the CR4296 applies to claims based on dates of service rather than dates of receipt. In addition, the CR release date, transmittal number, and Web address for accessing CR4296 were changed. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers using CMNs and DIFs when billing to Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs)

### Provider Action Needed



#### STOP – Impact to You

The Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) has developed improved CMNs and DIFs and consequently there are changes to the forms.



#### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

There is a transition period for claims for dates of service from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, where claims for items requiring a CMN or DIF will be accepted with either the old or the new form. The improved forms also permit the use of a signature and date stamp.



#### GO – What You Need to Do

Make certain that your billing staff is aware of the changes in Chapters 3 and 5 of the *Medicare Program Integrity Manual* that are outlined in this article. The new series of forms is available as part of the official instructions (CR4296) issued to your DMERC.

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## Background

CMNs provide a mechanism for suppliers of durable medical equipment (defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(n)) and medical equipment and supplies (defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1395j(5)) to demonstrate that the item they provide meets the minimal criteria for Medicare coverage. Medicare DMERCs review the documentation provided by physicians, suppliers, and providers on the CMNs and DME Information Forms (DIFs) and determine if the medical necessity and applicable coverage criteria for selected DMEPOS were met.

The changes to the CMN forms have resulted in the following:

- *Medicare Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 5, Items and Services Having Special DME Review Considerations, has been revised.
- The improved forms permit the use of a signature and date stamp that has resulted in revision of the *Medicare Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.1, Documentation Specifications for Areas Selected for Prepayment or Post Payment Medical Review.
- These new forms were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- For the CMS-484 form, the OMB # is 0938-0534.
- For the CMS forms 846, 847, 848, 849, 854, 10125 and 10126, the OMB # is 0938-0679.

### *Claims Accepted During Transition Period*

The following table identifies the CMNs for claims for services provided during the transition period from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. (For services on or after July 1, 2007, the old forms will no longer be accepted.)

DMERC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
484.2	484	Home Oxygen Therapy
01.02A	841	Hospital Beds
01.02B	842	Support Surfaces
04.03B	846	Lymphedema Pumps (Pneumatic Compression Devices)
04.03C	847	Osteogenesis Stimulators
06.02B	848	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS)
07.02A	849	Seat Lift Mechanisms
09.02	851	External Infusion Pumps
10.02A	852	Parenteral Nutrition
10.02B	853	Enteral Nutrition
11.01	854	Section C Continuation Form

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***Newly Revised CMNs Accepted During Transition Period***

The following table identifies the newly revised CMNs that will be accepted for services provided during the transition period for claims from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. For services on or after July 1, 2007, these forms will become effective for claims for items requiring a CMN.

Noteworthy changes include changing the title of CMS-484 from Home Oxygen Therapy to Oxygen. In addition, the title of CMS-846 was changed from Lymphedema Pumps to Pneumatic Compression Devices.

DME MAC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
484.03	484	Oxygen
04.04B	846	Pneumatic Compression Devices
04.04C	847	Osteogenesis Stimulators
06.03B	848	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS)
07.03A	849	Seat Lift Mechanisms
11.02	854	Section C Continuation Form

***New DIFs Accepted During Transition Period***

The following table identifies the new DIFs that will also be accepted during the transition period for claims for services provided from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. For services on or after July 1, 2007, the new forms will become effective for claims for items requiring a DIF.

Noteworthy changes include changing CMS-851 for Infusion Pumps to a CMS-10125, External Infusion Pump DIF.

In addition, CMS-852 for Parenteral Nutrition and CMS-853 for Enteral Nutrition were combined into a CMS-10126 Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition DIF.

DME MAC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
09.03	10125	External Infusion Pumps
10.03	10126	Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition

The use of the CMNs for hospital beds (CMS-841) and support surfaces (CMS-842) will be eliminated for claims with dates of service on or October 1, 2006.

***CMNs Eliminated***

The following table identifies the CMNs that will be eliminated for claims for services provided on or after October 1, 2006.

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01.02A	841	Hospital Beds
01.02B	842	Support Surfaces

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Medicare is developing a crosswalk to link legacy supplier numbers (National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC)) to the new National Provider Identifiers (NPI). Until that crosswalk is completed, DMERCs will require you to continue to submit your legacy/NSC number. If you choose to submit your NPI as of October 1, 2006, you must still report your legacy/NSC number until that crosswalk is operational. Similarly, treating physicians should report their UPIN (preceded by an "XX" qualifier) AND their NPI (preceded by a "1G" qualifier) until the crosswalk is operational. CMS will issue further instructions when the crosswalk approaches operational status.

## Implementation

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The implementation date for the instruction is October 2, 2006.

## Additional Information

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The official instructions issued to your DMERC regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R167PI.pdf> on the CMS website. These instructions include copies of the new forms.

If you have questions, please contact your DMERC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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