



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Guidance on Implementing System Edits for Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) – JA6566

Note: JA6566 was revised add a reference to MM7073 at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN/MattersArticles/downloads/MM7073.pdf>, which offers further guidance to DMEPOS suppliers regarding licensing, accreditation and other mandatory quality requirements that may apply.

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Contractors Affected	Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)
Provider Types Affected	Suppliers who submit claims to Medicare DME MACs for DMEPOS provided to Medicare beneficiaries



CR6566 provides further guidance to suppliers of DMEPOS, regarding licensing, accreditation, or other mandatory quality requirements.

Provider Needs to Know...

- Medicare will automatically deny claims submitted by DMEPOS suppliers who are not identified by the National Supplier Clearing House-Medicare Administrative Contractor (NSC-MAC) as being accredited to supply the specific product/service AND who are not exempt from accreditation.
- Edits for the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes in the product categories designated by Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) as requiring accreditation will be in effect.
- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 6, 2010, this Medicare systems'

edit will automatically deny claims for these codes unless:

- The DMEPOS supplier has been identified as accredited for the timeframe that covers the date of service on the claim; or
- The DMEPOS supplier is currently exempt from meeting the accreditation requirements.

Note: Products and services requiring accreditation found on CMS 855S, Section 2D next to the NSC-MAC product codes along with HCPCS codes are listed in the table on page 4 of MLN Matters® article MM6566.

- The descriptors that accompany the HCPCS codes in the product categories are listed in **Attachment C of CR6566**.
- The Web address of CR6566 can be found in the *Reference Materials* section below.

Eligible Professionals

- The eligible professionals who are exempt from meeting the September 30, 2009 accreditation deadline (as defined in Section 1848(k)(3)(B)) include the following practitioners:
 - Physicians (as defined in Section 1861(r) of the Act);
 - Physical Therapists;
 - Occupational Therapists;
 - Qualified Speech-Language Pathologists;
 - Physician Assistants;
 - Nurse Practitioners;
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists;
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists;
 - Certified Nurse-Midwives;
 - Clinical Social Workers;
 - Clinical Psychologists;
 - Registered Dietitians; and
 - Nutritional Professionals.

Other Persons

- Additionally, MIPPA allows that “other persons” are exempt from meeting the accreditation deadline unless CMS determines that the quality standards are specifically designed to apply to such other persons.
 - At this time, “such other persons” are specifically defined as the following practitioners:
 - Orthotists;
 - Prosthetists;
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- Opticians; and
- Audiologists.

Background

- Section 302 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 added a new paragraph 1834(a)(20) to the Social Security Act (the Act).
- This paragraph requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and implement quality standards for suppliers of DMEPOS.
- All suppliers that furnish such items or services set out at subparagraph 1834(a)(20)(D) as the Secretary determines appropriate must comply with the quality standards in order to receive Medicare Part B payments and to retain a Medicare supplier number to be able to bill Medicare.
- Pursuant to subparagraph 1834(a)(20)(D) of the Act, the covered items and services are defined in Section 1834(a)(13), Section 1834(h)(4) and Section 1842(s)(2) of the Act.
- Section 154(b) of the MIPPA added a new subparagraph (F) to Section 1834(a)(20) of the Act.
- In implementing quality standards under this paragraph the Secretary will **require suppliers furnishing items and services** directly, or as a subcontractor for another entity, to have submitted evidence of accreditation by an accreditation organization designated by the Secretary.

Operational Impact

N/A

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6566.pdf> on the CMS website.
 The official instruction (CR6566) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R7100TN.pdf> on the CMS website.