



## Signature and Date Stamps for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Supplies - Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC) Information Forms (DIFs) – JA6261

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- Contractors Affected**
- Medicare Carriers
  - Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
  - Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
  - DME MACs
  - Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

**Provider Types Affected** Providers and suppliers submitting claims, CMNs, or DIFs to Medicare Carriers, DME MACs, FIs, A/B MACs, and/or RHHIs related to DME, prosthetic, and orthotic supplies (DMEPOS) provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 6261 provides instructions clarifying the signature requirements for CMNs and DIFs.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.1 of the *Program Integrity Manual* (PIM), Medicare contractors will accept only hand-written, including facsimiles of original-written, or an electronic signature to sign an order or other medical record documentation for medical review purposes.
- **Signature and date stamps are not acceptable for use on CMNs and DIFs.**

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Background

- CMNs and DIFs are forms used to determine if the medical necessity and applicable coverage criteria for DMEPOS have been met.
- Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.1 of the PIM states that Medicare requires a legible identifier for services provided/ordered.

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Reference  
Materials

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6261.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6261) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R281PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

The Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.1 of the PIM may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/pim83c03.pdf> on the CMS website.

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