Order Requirements When Prescribing Practitioner is also the Supplier and is Permitted to Furnish Specific Items of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for prescribing practitioners who also supply Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) and bill Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for DMEPOS provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10984 clarifies the requirements of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a written order when the prescribing practitioner is also the supplier, and is permitted to furnish specific items of DMEPOS.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

When the prescribing practitioner is also the supplier, and is permitted to furnish specific items of DMEPOS, a separate order is not required, but the medical record must still contain all of the required order elements. Please note that nothing in this policy affects the application of the Physician Self-Referral Law.

MACs will look to the entirety of the medical record, in those limited instances in which the prescribing practitioner is also the supplier permitted to furnish specific DMEPOS, to fulfill the elements of the written order. MACs will not expect the practitioner to write a separate order to himself/herself.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list.

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