



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/NationalProvIdentStand/index.htm> on the CMS website.

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New Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS) Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) for Purchases

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers using CMNs when billing Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) or DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for the purchase of TENS

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently developed improved CMNs that were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The OMB approved form number for the CMS-848 is OMB# 0938-0679.

Key Points of CR 5107

- The revised Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS) CMN will **only apply to purchases**.
- Beginning January 1, 2007, **CMNs for TENS rentals will not be required**. DMERCs and DME MACs will allow suppliers to submit a partially-completed unsigned TENS CMN for claims submitted on or after October 2, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006.

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For more information regarding the revised CMN forms, see the MLN Matters article MM4296, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM4296.pdf> on the CMS website. Note that you must use the old CMN forms for this transition period (dates of service on or after October 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006). Also, note the following:

- Enter the date of service (i.e., the delivery date) in the “initial” date field in Section A of the CMN.
- Enter all other information in Section A fields that are required currently.
- Enter 99 in the “Est. Length of Need” field in Section B.
- Enter the primary diagnosis in the “diagnosis Codes” field in CMN Section B.
- Enter “D” as the answer to questions 1, 3, and 6 of Section B of the CMN.
- Enter “5” as the answer to question 5 of Section B.
- The answers to questions 2 and 4 of Section B may be left blank.
- You may leave section C as blank.
- In Section D of the CMN, enter a “yes” in the “Physician’s Signature” field and enter the delivery date in the “Signature Date” field.
- For hardcopy CMNs, only complete Section A and leave other sections blank.

Additional Information

The official instructions, CR 5107, issued to your Medicare DMERC/DME MAC regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R168PI.pdf> on the CMS website. The new CMN form is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/CMS848.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare DMERC/DME MAC at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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