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**Revised Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 855S Application – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers**

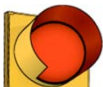
**Provider Types Affected**

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) who submit claims to the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs).

**Provider Action Needed**

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**STOP – Impact to You**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informs DMEPOS suppliers that they must use the revised CMS-855S (Medicare Enrollment Application – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers) application beginning December 31, 2016.



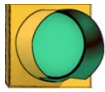
**CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

The revised application will be posted on the CMS Forms List ([go.usa.gov/cuu5Y](http://go.usa.gov/cuu5Y)) by mid-summer. The National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) MAC may accept both the current and revised versions of the CMS-855S through December 31, 2016, after which the revised CMS-855S application must be submitted. After December 31, 2016, the NSC MAC will return any newly submitted CMS-855S applications using the previous version (01/13) to

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the supplier with a letter explaining that the CMS-855S has been updated and the current version of the CMS-855S (05/16) must be submitted.



### **GO – What You Need to Do**

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

## **Background**

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DMEPOS suppliers must use the revised CMS-855S application starting December 31, 2016.

This revision of the CMS 855S simplifies and clarifies the current data collection and removes obsolete and/or redundant data collection. Grammar and spelling errors were corrected as well. Limited informational text has been added within the application form. In addition, links to websites are added to provide helpful instructions when greater detail is needed by the supplier, for example:

- The “Process to Obtain Medicare Approval” section of the instructions added the application fee and fingerprinting requirements, complete with website links and a telephone number for additional information, if the supplier desires additional information;
- A note was added instructing non-profit government agencies that they need not submit an IRS Form 501(c)(3) to prove its non-profit status in sections 2, 8, and 12; and
- CMS added a website offering guidance on DMEPOS supplier licensure requirements in Section 2.

To clarify current data collection, Section 3D (Products and Services Furnished by This Supplier) is updated to differentiate between used and new equipment for support surfaces, creating an option for the DMEPOS supplier to indicate whether the supplier provides new or used support surfaces, rather than having one category for both new and used (as on the previous version of the CMS 855S). In addition, “Hemodialysis Equipment and/or Supplies” and “Home Dialysis Equipment and/or Supplies” have been deleted from this section as they are only payable to Home Dialysis facilities which are solely a Part A benefit. “External Infusion Pumps and/or Supplies” as well as “Insulin Infusion Pumps and/or Supplies” have been split into two separate products - the pump itself and the supplies independent of the pump. The previous product categories were misleading because the supplier may not supply both products. “Invasive Mechanical Ventilation Devices” were replaced with the more accurate “Ventilators: All Types – Not CPAP or RAD” and the word “repairs” was added to the standard manual and standard power

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wheelchair accessories product categories in order to be more in sync with accreditation coding.

No additional material data collection has been added in this revision.

### Additional Information

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Visit the Medicare Provider Supplier Enrollment webpage at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/index.html> for more information.

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