



## DMEPOS INFORMATION FOR PHARMACIES

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**Please note:** The information in this publication applies only to the Medicare Fee-For-Service Program (also known as Original Medicare).

Table 2. Hyperlink Table, at the end of this document, provides the complete URL for each hyperlink.

To supply Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS), a pharmacy must obtain either of the following:

- **Accreditation** from an independent national Accreditation Organization (AO) approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- **Exemption** from the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC)

This publication provides information for pharmacies seeking an exemption.

To enroll or maintain Medicare billing privileges, all non-exempted DMEPOS suppliers must comply with the DMEPOS Quality Standards and obtain accreditation. Find more information in the [DMEPOS Quality Standards](#) and [DMEPOS Accreditation](#) publications.

### Pharmacy Accreditation Exemption

A pharmacy that meets **all** of the following criteria may file an [accreditation exemption statement](#) to supply DMEPOS without accreditation:

1. The total billings by the pharmacy for DMEPOS are less than 5 percent of total pharmacy sales for the previous 3 years
2. The pharmacy has been enrolled as a DMEPOS supplier and has had a provider number for at least 5 years
3. No final adverse actions were imposed in the past 5 years
4. The pharmacy submits an attestation that it meets the first three criteria to the NSC
5. The pharmacy agrees to submit requested materials during the course of an audit of randomly sampled pharmacies selected annually

## **New Locations**

New locations must obtain accreditation because they do not meet the second requirement of having been enrolled in the Medicare Program as a DMEPOS supplier for at least 5 years. Therefore, new locations within chains or independent newly opened locations must obtain accreditation.

### **Change of Ownership**

Pharmacies that changed owners in the prior 5 years, which changed their legal business entity and Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), do not qualify for an accreditation exemption.

## Resources

For more information about DMEPOS, the DMEPOS Quality Standards, and accreditation, refer to Table 1.

**Table 1. DMEPOS Resources**

Resource	Website and Description
CMS Resources	<p><b>DME Center</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html">CMS.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html</a></p> <p><b>DMEPOS Accreditation</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/DMEPOSAccreditation.html">CMS.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/DMEPOSAccreditation.html</a></p> <p>“DMEPOS Quality Standards” Publication</p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/ICN905709.html">CMS.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/ICN905709.html</a></p> <p>“DMEPOS Accreditation” Publication</p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/CMS1246764.html">CMS.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/CMS1246764.html</a></p> <p><b>DMEPOS Competitive Bidding</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid">CMS.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid</a></p> <p><b>DMEPOS Supplier Enrollment</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll">CMS.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll</a></p> <p><b>DMEPOS Supplier Standards</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/DMEPOSSupplierStandards.pdf">CMS.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/DMEPOSSupplierStandards.pdf</a></p>

**Table 1. DMEPOS Resources (cont.)**

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Website and Description</b>
DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) Contact Information	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map">CMS.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map</a>
Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Guided Pathways	For more information about DMEPOS, refer to the “Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies” section in the “MLN Guided Pathways: Provider Specific Medicare Resources” publication at <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNEdWebGuide/Downloads/Guided_Pathways_Provider_Specific_Booklet.pdf">CMS.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNEdWebGuide/Downloads/Guided_Pathways_Provider_Specific_Booklet.pdf</a>
Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 15, Section 15.21	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/pim83c15.pdf">CMS.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/pim83c15.pdf</a>
NSC	<a href="https://www.palmettogba.com/nsc">Palmettogba.com/nsc</a>
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG)	<a href="https://www.oig.hhs.gov">OIG.hhs.gov</a>

**Table 2. Hyperlink Table**

<b>Embedded Hyperlink</b>	<b>Complete URL</b>
Accreditation Exemption Statement	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/downloads/PharmacyAccreditationExemptionStatementFactSheet.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/downloads/PharmacyAccreditationExemptionStatementFactSheet.pdf</a>
DMEPOS Accreditation	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/CMS1246764.html">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/CMS1246764.html</a>
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