What’s Changed?

- Note: No substantive content updates.

Together we can advance health equity and help eliminate health disparities for all minority and underserved groups. Find resources and more from the CMS Office of Minority Health:

- Health Equity Technical Assistance Program
- Disparities Impact Statement

Learn about the Accreditation process in the DMEPOS Accreditation and DMEPOS Quality Standards publications.
To supply Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS), all pharmacies must get accredited from a CMS-approved national Accreditation Organization (AO) or an exemption from the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC).

**Accreditation Exemption**

To qualify for an exemption, you must meet these criteria:

- Your DMEPOS billing is less than 5% of pharmacy sales the past 3 years
- You've had DMEPOS-enrolled supplier status and provider number the past 5 years
- You've had no final adverse actions the past 5 years
- You signed and submitted an Accreditation Exemption Attestation to NSC proving you meet the first 3 criteria and agree to submit requested materials during an annual audit of randomly sampled pharmacies

**Pharmacies Ineligible for Accreditation Exemption**

**New Locations**

New pharmacy chains and independent locations aren't eligible for accreditation exemption. New locations don't meet the Medicare Program DMEPOS supplier 5 years enrollment criteria.

**Changed Ownership**

Pharmacy locations that changed ownership, legal business entity, and or got a different Tax Identification Number (TIN) in the past 5 years aren't eligible for accreditation exemption and must get accredited.

**Resources**

- DME Center
- DME MACs Contact Information
- DMEPOS Competitive Bidding
- DMEPOS Supplier Enrollment
- DMEPOS Supplier Standards
- Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 10

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