DMEPOS Pharmacy Information

What’s Changed?

We replaced the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) with 2 new national provider enrollment (NPE) contractors effective November 7, 2022 (page 3).

You’ll find substantive content updates in dark red.
To supply DMEPOS, all pharmacies must get **accredited** from a **CMS-approved national accreditation organization** (AO) or get an **exemption** from the national provider enrollment (NPE) contractors.

The National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) no longer processes DMEPOS suppliers’ Medicare enrollment applications.

Since November 7, 2022, 2 new NPE contractors (east and west) process Medicare enrollment applications for DMEPOS suppliers to make sure they meet all supplier standards and enrollment requirements.

Find your **NPE contractor**.

**Accreditation Exemption**

Pharmacies may file an accreditation exemption statement that allows them to be enrolled in Medicare to supply DMEPOS that require accreditation if they 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 a 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 your NPE contractor proving you meet the first 3 criteria and agree to submit requested materials during an annual audit of randomly sampled pharmacies

Learn about the accreditation process in the DMEPOS Accreditation and DMEPOS Quality Standards publications.

**Pharmacies Ineligible for Accreditation Exemption**

**New Locations**

New pharmacy chains and independent locations aren’t eligible for accreditation exemption because they don’t meet the Medicare Program DMEPOS supplier 5-year enrollment criteria.

**Changed Ownership**

Pharmacy locations that changed ownership, changed their legal business entity, or got a different Taxpayer Identification Number 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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