



## DMEPOS INFORMATION FOR PHARMACIES



This fact sheet provides information for pharmacies seeking an **exemption** from the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) supplier accreditation requirement.

To supply DMEPOS, all pharmacies must obtain **accreditation** from a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved national Accreditation Organization (AO) **or** the pharmacy must obtain an **exemption** from the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC).

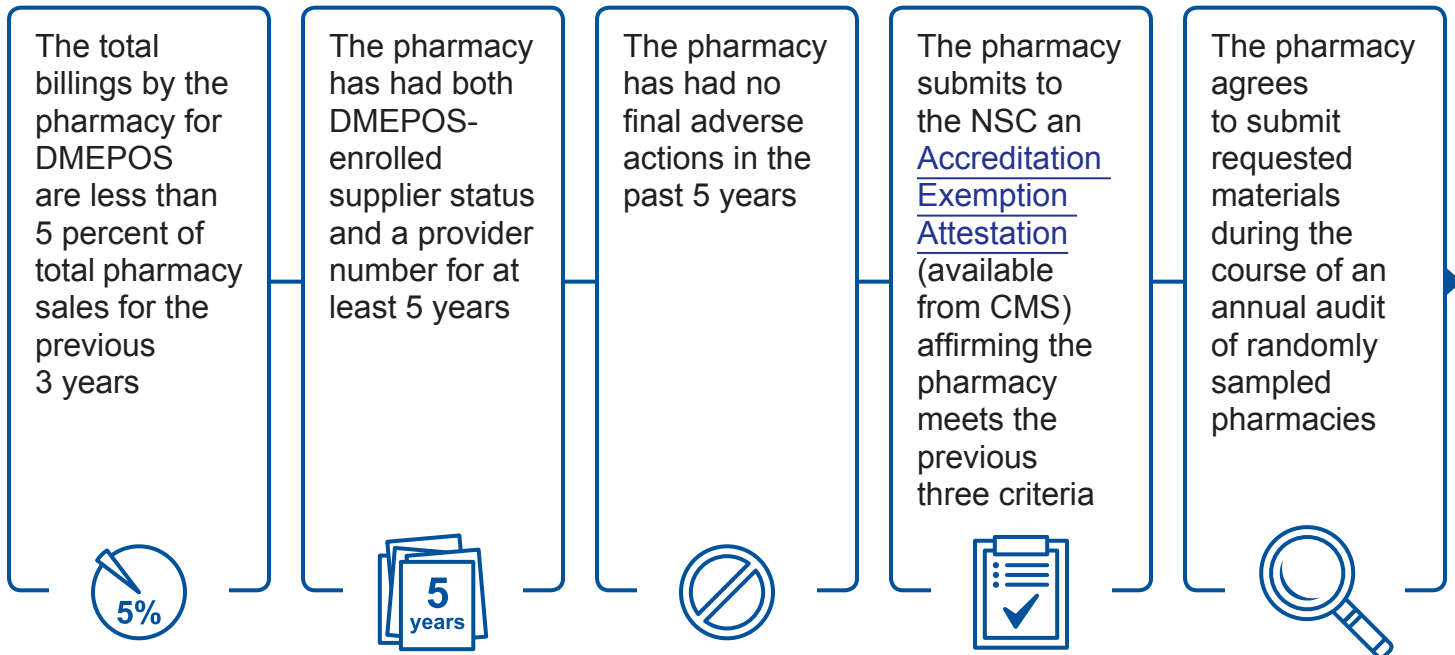
Learn about the Accreditation process in the [DMEPOS Accreditation](#) and [DMEPOS Quality Standards](#) publications.

**Target Audience:** Medicare Fee-For-Service Program (also known as Original Medicare)

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

## QUALIFYING FOR AN ACCREDITATION EXEMPTION

To qualify for an exemption, a pharmacy must meet the criteria listed below:



## PHARMACIES INELIGIBLE FOR AN ACCREDITATION EXEMPTION

Pharmacies with either of the following statuses are ineligible for an Accreditation Exemption.

### 1. New Locations

New pharmacy locations, both chains and independent locations, do not qualify for an Accreditation Exemption and must obtain accreditation. New locations do not meet the second criteria requiring DMEPOS supplier enrollment in the Medicare Program for at least 5 years.

### 2. Changed Ownership

Pharmacy locations with changed ownership occurring in the previous 5 years and resulting in a changed legal business entity and/or a different Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) do not qualify for an Accreditation Exemption and must obtain accreditation.

## RESOURCES

For more information about DMEPOS, the DMEPOS Quality Standards, and accreditation, refer to the resources listed below.

**Table 1. DMEPOS Resources**

Resource	Website
<b>CMS Resources</b>	<p><b>DME Center</b>  <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>  <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><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 Quality Standards</b>  <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><b>DMEPOS Competitive Bidding</b>  <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>  <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/DMEPOSEnrollment.html">CMS.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/DMEPOSEnrollment.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/cms855s.pdf">CMS.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/cms855s.pdf</a></p> <p><b>DMEPOS Supplier Standards</b>  <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>
<b>DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) Contact Information</b>	<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>
<b>DMEPOS Order Requirements for Changing Suppliers</b>	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM9886.pdf">CMS.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM9886.pdf</a>
<b>Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 15, Section 15.21</b>	<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>

Table 1. DMEPOS Resources (cont.)

Resource	Website
<b>NSC</b>	<a href="http://PalmettoGBA.com/nsc">PalmettoGBA.com/nsc</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG)</b>	<a href="http://OIG.hhs.gov">OIG.hhs.gov</a>

Table 2. Hyperlink Table

Embedded Hyperlink	Complete URL
<b>Accreditation Exemption Attestation</b>	<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>
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