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DME ACCREDITATION

➤ CMS-1540-F:

- Published in the Federal Register on August 18, 2006
- This final rule established requirements:
 - For accreditation of all DMEPOS suppliers
 - For implementing the DMEPOS quality standards
 - Designating implementation contractors
 - For phasing-in the accreditation process by giving priority to those in selected competitive bidding areas

DME ACCREDITATION

➤ DMEPOS Quality Standards

- Published on August 14, 2006
 - Provides supplier business standards
 - Provides product-specific service standards for:
 - Respiratory equipment and supplies
 - Manual wheelchairs and Power Mobility Devices
 - Custom Fabricated Orthotics and Prosthetic Devices

DME ACCREDITATION

- CMS-6040-N: Notice for Accrediting bodies to apply for DME Accreditation
 - Published in the Federal Register on August 16, 2006
 - Lists the requirements for applying and continued responsibilities which are all listed in CMS-1540- F
 - The applications are due by October 2, 2006
 - The applications will be reviewed and approved in October
 - A Federal Register Notice will go out by the beginning of November announcing the approved accreditation organizations

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- Additional information about DMEPOS supplier accreditation and Quality Standards are posted on the CMS website at:

www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcqforDMEPOS/