

# IS YOUR DME COMPANY ACCREDITED?

**IF NOT, YOU WILL LOSE THE ABILITY TO SECURE A MEDICARE CONTRACT WITH CMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

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**Dear Client, Colleagues of Clients, Friends of Clients,**

**Please read the following from the CMS web site located at:**

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04\\_DeemedAccreditationOrganizations.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04_DeemedAccreditationOrganizations.asp#TopOfPage)

**If you want to continue to be a competitive bidder in the Medicare DMEPOS program, you MUST become accredited. Compliance Review Services, Inc. has assisted numerous DME companies with JCAHO/CHAPS/ACHC accreditation. If you need help and want to remain in the Medicare DME business, visit our website at: [www.compliancereviewservices.com](http://www.compliancereviewservices.com) or call us at 832-237-2525.**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has not established a deadline for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers to become accredited in order to retain/obtain a supplier enrollment number

In order to participate in the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program, suppliers must meet quality standards and be accredited by a CMS-approved Deemed Accreditation Organization. Suppliers that are interested in bidding under the new program must be aware of two key deadlines:

- Suppliers must be accredited or be pending accreditation to submit a bid. CMS cannot accept a bid from any supplier that is not accredited or that has not applied for accreditation.
- Suppliers will need to be accredited to be awarded a contract. The accreditation deadline for the first round of competitive bidding is August 31, 2007. Suppliers must be accredited before this date to be awarded a contract. Suppliers should apply for accreditation immediately to allow adequate time to process their applications.

The following organizations will accredit suppliers of DMEPOS. I HAVE NOT COPIED ALL ACCREDITING BODIES, JUST THE 3 WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH.

**DMEPOS suppliers will have to meet new quality standards in order to be able to bill the Medicare Part B program for items, such as walkers, wheelchairs, and hospital beds, furnished to Medicare beneficiaries under a final rule announced in August by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.**

## **Joint Commission Accreditation for Health Care Organizations (JCAHO)**

601 13th Street, NW Suite 1150N Washington, D.C. 20005

[www.jointcommission.org/](http://www.jointcommission.org/)

Approved for Categories: All products and services described in Section 1834(a) (13) of the Act, Prosthetic devices, orthotics and prosthetics described in Section 1834(h) of the Act; and items described in Section 1842(s) (2) of the Act.

## **Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP)**

1300 19th Street, NW 12/07/2006 Suite 150 Washington, DC 20036

[www.chapinc.org](http://www.chapinc.org)

Approved for Categories: Diabetic Supplies, Cane, Crutches, Walkers, Commode Chairs, Hospital beds, Traction Equipment

Appendix A: Respiratory equipment, supplies, and services, Oxygen concentrators, reservoirs, high-pressure cylinders, oxygen accessories and supplies, oxygen conserving devices, Home Invasive Mechanical Ventilators, Continuous Positive Airway Devices (RAD), Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing Devices, Nebulizers

Appendix B: Manual Wheelchairs and Power Mobility Devices, including complex rehab and assistive technology, PMDs: Power wheelchairs, power operated vehicles and accessories, Manual wheelchairs, standard recliners, heavy- duty wheelchairs, standard lightweight wheelchairs, hemi wheelchairs, armrests, leg rests/footplates

Appendix C: Custom fabricated custom fitted, custom made orthotics, prosthetic devices, somatic, ocular and facial prosthetics, and therapeutic shoes and inserts

HealthCare Quality Association on Accreditation

## **Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC)**

4700 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 280 Raleigh, NC 27609

[www.achc.org/](http://www.achc.org/)

Approved for Categories: All DME, Respiratory, Orthotics, Rehabilitation Technology Supplier and Medical Supply Provider

**There are other approved accrediting bodies as well on the CMS website, however these are the ones we have worked with and demonstrated proficiency with. We sell policies, procedures and forms. Our pricing is available and reasonable. We have been in business for over 10 years and we are here to help you!**

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