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# **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 <u>CMS-approved national accreditation</u> 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 (<u>east</u> and <u>west</u>) 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

Learn about the accreditation process in the <a href="DMEPOS">DMEPOS</a>
<a href="Accreditation">Accreditation</a> and <a href="DMEPOS">DMEPOS</a>
<a href="Quality Standards">Quality Standards</a> publications.

You signed and submitted an <u>accreditation exemption attestation</u> 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

### 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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