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WHAT PHARMACIES NEED TO DO IF THEY CHOOSE **NOT** TO BECOME ACCREDITED FOR DMEPOS

Effective October 1, 2009, all Pharmacies that have not achieved accreditation for DMEPOS will have their Medicare Part B billing privileges revoked.

Pharmacies that have chosen **not** to become accredited for DMEPOS, but wish to remain as Medicare Part B providers, must submit an amended CMS-855s application in order to continue billing Medicare for **PART B DRUGS AND BIOLOGICALS ONLY**. Submitting an amended application enables Pharmacies to voluntarily terminate from billing for DMEPOS. Voluntarily terminating will prevent Pharmacies from being revoked, and subsequently barred, from the Medicare program.

In addition to updating their application, Pharmacies must ensure that they have checked the appropriate boxes in Section 2 (C) of the CMS-855s to reflect which drugs and biologicals they will continue to provide to Beneficiaries.

The National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) must receive the amended CMS-855s application by September 30, 2009.

The latest version of the CMS-855s application can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/cms855s.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

SURETY BONDS

Pharmacies that elect to continue billing Medicare are also required to obtain a \$50,000.00 surety bond for each National Provider Identifier (NPI) number that they have. This requirement has no direct correlation with the accreditation process; it is a requirement for all Pharmacies who wish to still continue billing Medicare.

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