



## News Alert

### **DME Accreditation Exemption Reminder**

With the new year came the effective date (1/1/2011), for which all community pharmacies must either be accredited or exempted from accreditation. This accreditation status is applicable to those pharmacies that wish to bill Medicare for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS), which also includes diabetic strips.

To qualify for the exemption, the following criteria must have been met:

- ◆ The pharmacy must have been enrolled in Medicare as a DMEPOS supplier and issued a provider number for the last five (5) years
- ◆ The pharmacy had no final adverse action imposed in the past five (5) years
- ◆ The pharmacy's Medicare billings for DMEPOS, other than drugs and pharmaceuticals, were less than five percent (5%) of the pharmacy's sales for the previous three (3) calendar or fiscal years.

Pharmacies who have met the aforementioned criteria for exemption may complete an Attestation Form. This form should be returned to the National Supplier Clearinghouse immediately.

### **PHARMACIES THAT ARE NOT ACCREDITED OR EXEMPTED STAND TO LOSE THEIR DMEPOS BILLING PRIVILEGES!**

For your reference, the NSC addresses are below:

National Supplier Clearinghouse  
PO Box 100142  
Columbia, SC 29202-3142

or

*(Overnight mailing address)*  
National Supplier Clearinghouse  
Palmetto GBA AG-495  
2300 Springdale Dr, BLDG 1  
Camden, SC 29020

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