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DMEPOS Re-Accreditation: It's Time to Renew!

Attention all DMEPOS accredited pharmacies: It's time to renew! It may seem early, but according to CMS, the Accrediting Organizations need a pharmacy's revalidation application six to eight months prior to its expiration date.

Many industry experts agree that, despite the partial CMS exemption, large third party insurance plans and some Medicaid HMOs will continue to require DMEPOS Accreditation. They also point out that accreditation helps pharmacies stay compliant with CMS Quality Standards, which brings great peace of mind in these days of increased auditing.

Harry Lattanzio, R.Ph., President of PRS Pharmacy Services and 2010 Pharmacy Times Industry Advocate of the Year advises, “Customers don't want to shop at a separate pharmacy for their prescriptions and their DME products. If you cannot bill for their diabetic supplies and other DME products, you may lose your customers' prescriptions and their families' prescriptions. Taking an exemption is suddenly not that appealing since CMS announced that it will audit 10% of exempt pharmacies every year and you still have to comply with the thirty supplier standards.

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