



The Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program Final Regulation is now available. CMS has also announced the first 10 metropolitan areas in which competition will occur as well as the first items to be competitively bid. Visit the CMS Website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/competitiveacqfordmepos/> to view the rule and get more information.

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## New Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics & Supplies (DMEPOS) Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Information Forms (DIFS) for Claims Processing

Note: This article was revised on May 8, 2007, to show that the effective dates refer to the dates the claims/forms are processed, as opposed to date of service. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians (when ordering DMEPOS) and suppliers using CMNs and DIFs when billing to Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) or DME Medicare Administrative contractors (DME/MACs).

### Provider Action Needed



#### STOP – Impact to You

The Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) has developed improved CMNs and DIFs that are consistent with current medical practices and conform to Medicare guidelines. Through this process, CMS revised several CMNs and replaced three CMNs with two DIFs. **This information was previously communicated in *MLN Matters* article MM4296 (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4296.pdf>).**



#### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The transition period has been extended for claims processed from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. During this transition period claims for items requiring a CMN or DIF will be accepted with either the old or the

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new form. For CMN/DIF forms processed on or after July 1, 2007, the old CMN/DIF forms will no longer be accepted.



### GO – What You Need to Do

Be sure your staff are aware that the transition period for use of the new forms has been extended through June 30, 2007.

## Background

CMNs provide a mechanism for suppliers of durable medical equipment, defined in 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §1395x(n) and medical equipment and supplies defined in 42 U.S.C. §1395j(5), to demonstrate that the item they provide meets the minimal criteria for Medicare coverage.

CMNs contain section A through D. Sections **A and C are completed by the supplier** and Sections **B and D are completed by the physician**. A DME DIF is completed and signed by the supplier. It does not require a narrative description of equipment and cost or a physician signature. Contractors review the documentation provided on the CMNs and DIF.

## Recap of MM4296 Information

As previously reported in *MLN Matters* article MM4296, the changes to the CMN forms have resulted in the following:

- *Medicare Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 5, Items and Services Having Special DME Review Considerations, has been revised.
- The improved forms permit the use of a signature and date stamp that has resulted in revision of the *Medicare Program Integrity Manual*, Chapter 3, Section 3.4.1.1, Documentation Specifications for Areas Selected for Prepayment or Post Payment Medical Review.
- These new forms were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- For the CMS-484 form, the OMB # is 0938-0534.
- For the CMS forms 846, 847, 848, 849, 854, 10125 and 10126, the OMB # is 0938-0679.

### *Claims Accepted During Transition Period*

The following table identifies the old versions of the CMNs, which are acceptable for claims processed during the transition period from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. (For CMN/DIF forms processed on or after July 1, 2007, the old forms will no longer be accepted.)

DMERC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
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484.2	484	Home Oxygen Therapy
01.02A	841	Hospital Beds
01.02B	842	Support Surfaces
04.03B	846	Lymphedema Pumps (Pneumatic Compression Devices)
04.03C	847	Osteogenesis Stimulators
06.02B	848	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS)
07.02A	849	Seat Lift Mechanisms
09.02	851	External Infusion Pumps
10.02A	852	Parenteral Nutrition
10.02B	853	Enteral Nutrition
11.01	854	Section C Continuation Form

### ***Newly Revised CMNs Accepted During Transition Period***

The following table identifies the newly revised CMNs that will be accepted for claims processed during the transition period for claims from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. (These forms are available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CMSForms/CMSForms/list.asp#TopOfPage>.) For forms processed on or after July 1, 2007, these forms will become effective for claims for items requiring a CMN.

Noteworthy changes include changing the title of CMS-484 from Home Oxygen Therapy to Oxygen. In addition, the title of CMS-846 was changed from Lymphedema Pumps to Pneumatic Compression Devices.

DME MAC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
484.03	484	Oxygen
04.04B	846	Pneumatic Compression Devices
04.04C	847	Osteogenesis Stimulators
06.03B	848	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS)
07.03A	849	Seat Lift Mechanisms
11.02	854	Section C Continuation Form

### ***New DIFs Accepted During Transition Period***

The following table identifies the new DIFs that will also be accepted during the transition period for claims processed from October 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. (These forms are available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CMSForms/CMSForms/list.asp#TopOfPage>.) For forms processed on or after July 1, 2007, the new forms will become effective for claims for items requiring a DIF.

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Noteworthy changes include changing CMS-851 for Infusion Pumps to a CMS-10125, External Infusion Pump DIF.

In addition, CMS-852 for Parenteral Nutrition and CMS-853 for Enteral Nutrition were combined into a CMS-10126 Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition DIF.

DME MAC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
09.03	10125	External Infusion Pumps
10.03	10126	Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition

The use of the CMNs for hospital beds (CMS-841) and support surfaces (CMS-842) will be eliminated for claims with dates of service on or October 1, 2006.

### *CMNs Eliminated*

The following table identifies the CMNs that will be eliminated for claims for services provided on or after October 1, 2006.

DME MAC FORM	CMS FORM	ITEMS ADDRESSED
01.02A	841	Hospital Beds
01.02B	842	Support Surfaces



Medicare is developing a crosswalk to link legacy supplier numbers (National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC)) to the new National Provider Identifiers (NPI). Until that crosswalk is completed, DMERCs will require you to continue to submit your legacy/NSC number. If you choose to submit your NPI as of October 1, 2006, you must still report your legacy/NSC number until that crosswalk is operational. Similarly, treating physicians should report their UPIN (preceded by an "XX" qualifier) AND their NPI (preceded by a "1G" qualifier) until the crosswalk is operational. CMS will issue further instructions when the crosswalk approaches operational status.

## Additional Information

For complete details regarding this Change Request (CR) please see the official instruction (CR5571) issued to your Medicare DME MAC, or DMERC. This instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R198PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare DME MAC, or DMERC at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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For additional information about the new CMNs and DIFs, see the MLN Matters article MM4296, titled "New Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics & Supplies (DMEPOS) Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Information Forms (DIFS) for Claims Processing" at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4296.pdf> on the CMS website.

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