



Billing Frequently Asked Questions:

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1. Can physicians dispense and bill Medicare for DME without a Medicare Identification Number (i.e., a supplier number)? No. Physicians must complete the relevant portions of CMS Form 855S and enroll with Medicare as a DMEPOS supplier. Physicians, however, are not required to be accredited by a national accreditation organization in order to become DMEPOS suppliers. With limited exceptions, in order to dispense DME to Medicare beneficiaries, Physicians must (1) have a DMEPOS supplier number, and (2) comply with all applicable requirements of the DMEPOS supplier standards and maintain documentation of such compliance. In addition, physician DMEPOS suppliers who supply DME items only to their own patients are not required to meet the general DMEPOS surety bond requirement.

(a) With limited exceptions, all physicians wanting to sell or rent DME to Medicare beneficiaries must be enrolled as DMEPOS Suppliers. Click here for applicable Regulation (42 C.F.R. § 24.57) https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-id?SID=3532c78414c9c08624e0097329b298d4&node=se42.3.424_157&rgn=div8

(b) [Are all DMEPOS suppliers required to be accredited?](#) No. For a summary of providers exempt from accreditation click here: <https://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCat/Providers~National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse~Supplier%20Enrollment~FAQs~Accreditation~7NBSXC6624?open>.

(c) Are physician DMEPOS suppliers required to meet the DMEPOS Surety Bond requirement? No, as long as the physician is furnishing items only to his/her own patients as part of his/her professional services. Click here for more information:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/DMEPOSEnrollment.html>.

2. What is a Medicare Identification Number (a/k/a “supplier number”)?

A Medicare Identification Number, often referred to as a Medicare “supplier number,” is a generic term for a number that enables a supplier to bill the Medicare program; however, before applying for a supplier number, one must first obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI). A NPI is the standard unique health identifier for health care providers and is assigned by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).

3. How do I go about receiving a NPI?

(a) Who is eligible to receive a NPI? Click Here:
<https://questions.cms.gov/faq.php?id=5005&faqId=1849>

(b) For the NPI Application, click here:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/CMS10114.pdf> ;

(c) If you prefer to apply for an NPI online, click here
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/webhelp/nppeshelp/NPPES%20FAQS.html>

4. What Standards must Medicare DMEPOS suppliers comply with? Click Here:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/DMEPOSSupplierStandards.pdf>

5. Want to see an abbreviated version of the supplier standards every Medicare DMEPOS supplier must meet in order to obtain and retain their billing privileges? Click Here:
<http://www.med.umich.edu/pdf/dmepos-supplier-standards.pdf>.

6. Need further help resources? Visit National Plan & Provider Enumeration System Help resource here: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/webhelp/index.html>